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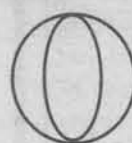
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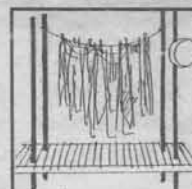
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GHS Crushes East Hartford

Thanksgiving Day game ends in a 15-6 victory

By Josh Pruce

The seventh annual Thanksgiving Day football match between rivals Glastonbury High School and East Hartford High at EHHS turned out to be a sweet one for the Tomahawks. The Tomahawks had promised the whole school "payback" for last year's 42-8 loss, and came through with a spectacular 15 to 6 win.

The team was led by great plays from Senior Co-captains Jake Fay and Dan Parseliti, Junior Mark Olschefske, and Senior Josh Lord on this cold and blustery Thanksgiving Day. The offense played a great game by gaining over 180 yards, while the offensive line shut down the East Hartford pass rush beautifully. The defense also played a great game by holding the Hornets to only six points and by sacking the quarterback twice.

"The Thanksgiving Day game means many different things to different people, but our first priority for us was winning, and we did just that," commented Parseliti.

Glastonbury lost the coin toss and East Hartford opted to kick-off to the Tomahawks. This proved to be a wise move for the Hornets, since Glastonbury could not get anything started early and had to punt the ball. East Hartford

started on the Tomahawks 43 yard line and slowly worked their way up field, led by Senior Running-back Shawn Jones. On the tenth play of the drive, Jones ran for a touchdown from 2 yards out to give the Hornets a quick 6-0 lead. They tried for a two-point conversion, but were stopped by the hustling Glastonbury defense.

The Hornets kicked off to the Tomahawks and it looked like GHS was on the right track when Fay completed a pass to Olschefske. Unfortunately, GHS got a 15 yard interference penalty which stopped the Tomahawks brief momentum.

The defense got this momentum back for the Tomahawks just two plays later when they caused the Jones to fumble the ball and the Tomahawks recovered. When the Tomahawks offense came back on the field they

were lead by great running by Lord and Olschefske. This brought the Tomahawks inside the 20 yard line of the Hornets and to the end of the first quarter.

The first play in the second quarter changed the complexion of the game. Quarterback Jake Fay ran five yards, went out of bounds, and was hit late by a Hornets player. The late hit

brought a penalty on the Hornets and it moved the ball to the four yard line. While the referee was making the call, the Hornets coach picked up a penalty for unsportsman-like conduct which brought the ball to the two yard line. Two plays later, Fay ran in from a yard out for a touchdown to make the score 6-6. Sophomore Rob Frechette kicked the

extra point to make the score 7-6.

The teams both had the ball a few more times before the half ended, but nothing came from these drives. The score at halftime was 7-6 and it looked like the game was going to be close for the rest of the way through.

The third quarter started off the way the second ended with long drives amounting to nothing. About midway through the third, the Hornets mounted a drive deep into Tomahawk territory. This slowly ate time off the clock and ran over into the fourth quarter. The Tomahawks managed to stop a double-reverse on the fourth down and gained control of the ball on their own 15 yard line with 10 minutes to go.

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Hamlet a Smashing Success



Photo by Richard Napoleano

The cast of Hamlet poses for a shot. Story on page 17.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the "Tinnel Unplugged" editorial in the October, 1994 issue of the GHS Paladin.

The writer of the editorial felt that the early cut-off of Tinnel's cafeteria serenade to his girlfriend by a staff member was uncalled for and denied his freedom of speech. True, Tinnel was not bothering anyone or disrupting classes with his song, and I feel that it was out of place for the staff member to yank the cord mid-chorus. However, the writer failed to mention the fact that Tinnel had asked this particular staff member for permission to sing and was denied. Why he was told no, I don't understand and don't exactly agree with, but he was told not to sing.

Not to be kept quiet, Tinnel went to another staff member, was

granted permission, and began to sing. Thinking that Tinnel had disregarded her reply, which he did, the original staff member pulled the plug.

I also see Tinnel's actions as a call for attention. He has started food fights, frequently yells in the cafeteria, and asks pointless questions in class. I believe that he wanted the attention of the entire school and the admiration of his friends so he bypassed orders and did what he wanted anyway. Once again, he is getting more attention through this letter, but I feel that this should be addressed. Tinnel has no reason to be upset at the staff member for what she did.

Sincerely,
Kevin Johnson
Class of '95



Of Mice and Teachers

By Ross Feldmann

On Friday, November 4th, about twenty mice were released during a lecture in Current Issues. Many are distraught and upset at this incident.

And, as is usually the case when people get upset, they begin to distort the truth and slander those students who were

most have not even been up for more than an hour. As soon as one sits down in the comfortable, cushioned seats, he or she will not be at

pouring Italian foods all over the overhead projector (no joke implied), they should focus in on more socially acceptable means. If mice

and other small animals were to be released on a variable interval, students would not only wake up when they start to feel their ankles being nibbled, but they'd

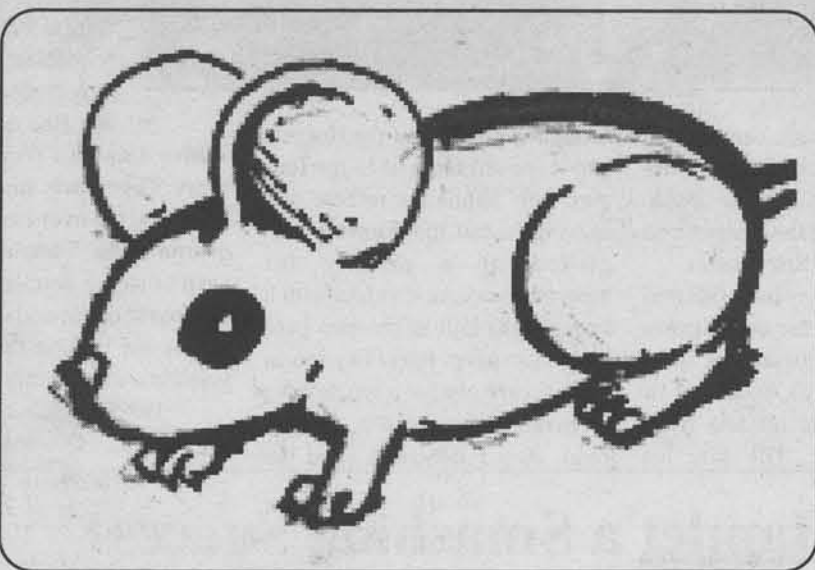


Illustration by Tim Peterson

simply trying to have some fun with small woodland creatures. The calumny is being spread like wild fire around teachers and students. Whether or not such spin-doctor techniques are actually going to catch the guilty party is not the issue. What's important is realizing that the bold students who released the mice are not in fact guilty of a crime.

Many have totally missed the upside to having small, furry creatures running rampant in the classrooms. As every senior knows, C.I. class is perhaps the most difficult place to stay awake. At 7:30 a.m.,

all stimulated by a lecture, except if it involves giving mouth-to-mouth to Santa Claus (inside joke).

What seniors need in C.I. are distractions and stimuli that will keep them awake. After a mouse tries to scamper up a sleeping senior's leg, it is very likely that that person will remain conscious for the rest of the lecture, even with the jokes about strawberries with fathers that are in a jam (outside joke).

If teachers really want attention and consciousness among their students, they should listen to reason. Instead of firing guns off and

also stay awake in anticipation of the event.

The Board of Education should seriously consider this as a means of preventing sleep from occurring in the classroom. This could be just the solution they have been looking for. However, since many consider this proposal to be too absurd, perhaps there is no solution.

School Spirit a Flop

By Kevin Graff

In the last issue of the Paladin, the Roving Reporter asked students how they would increase school spirit here at Glastonbury High School. Personally, I am embarrassed by the incredible lack of school spirit expressed by the Class of 1995 during our more-than-three years together.

It is embarrassing that our class sold far fewer magazines than previous senior classes. It is also embarrassing that nearly every morning in Current Issues, sports teams have to literally beg for fans.

To find ways to increase school spirit, the reasons as to why students have been apathetic has to be examined. In my opinion, the heart of the problem is school regulations and administrative decisions which have consistently limited the ability of students to express themselves and just have fun.

There are countless examples, including Principal Alan Bookman's attempt to ban senior captions from the yearbook and the elimination of the bonfire as our school's perennial pep rally.

Certainly, each deci-

sion has its own separate reasons for being made, but the fact remains that students have been left disillusioned and frustrated. An active member of the Student Council summed up the problem well. She said, "Who would want to be involved, when we're always getting shot down by Dr. Bookman?"

So how can this problem be solved? I feel that any efforts to get the stubborn administration to reverse their decisions or change their mindset would be wasted. What students can do, though, is try to improve the situation that we have—that is, make the most of what we've got.

For starters, a task force on school spirit should be formed. It could be a subcommittee of student council, or another extracurricular activity altogether. Students, teachers, administrators, athletes and other students could meet and discuss methods for improving school spirit at Glastonbury High School. No one person has all the answers to this problem, and that is why everyone needs to work together.

The opinions expressed in these editorials are not necessarily those of the Paladin Staff. If you feel that there is something you would like to see addressed in the Paladin, letters to the editor can be dropped off in the Main Office

Point/Counterpoint

This month's topic: Defense Spending



Reaganomics Rears its Ugly Head

By Sandhya Srinivasan

Cut taxes, reduce the deficit, and increase defense spending. Sound familiar? It should. This is the simplified version of what the Republicans promised the American people they would do if they received control of the Congress; now they have. It comes in the form of a contract, but it sounds an awful lot like Reaganomics and the 80's.

I know what you are thinking: "80's—big hair, pop music, and big money." But, the 80's were also a time of great inflation, not to mention a period where the big corporate executives triumphed financially at the expense of the little guy (who would be just about everyone else in the country).

The 80's were also a time of major anxiety in the military sense, which is where I would like to focus. In the midst of the Cold War, the United States shelled out the big bucks for all types of equipment and personnel. Now that we are out of the Cold War, the Republicans in Congress want to increase defense spending even more: something does not add up.

The opposition will say we need to spend more money be-

cause the world is an unstable and dangerous place, and the U.S. has turned into the world's policeman. Aren't these the same people who complain that Clinton gets too involved with foreign affairs,

for example: Somalia, Haiti, Yugoslavia, Iraq, Russia, etc.?

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My solution is this: decrease defense spending while allowing enough money to keep state-of-the-art technology and a working army (air force, navy, etc.). Meanwhile, shift all of the world responsibilities over to a reformed United Nations. The UN needs

to build up a superior military force so that the U.S. can use its resources to focus on domestic affairs, while the UN (represented by every country) handles the world's problems.

By increasing defense spending, we are only taking away from the American people. We are also sending a message to the rest of the world: We are ready and willing to obey your every wish and desire. I propose that we focus on much more important issues like crime, health care, and education, and put our money toward those issues.



The Right Point of View

By Kevin Miller

Priorities; that's how we decide where to spend money. Presently, there is much debate over whether we should increase defense spending. Before we discuss what America should do, let's make an example using a hypothetical country, Nation X. Let's say Nation X has been involved in several embargoes, four heated conflicts, three situations requiring the threat of force which may become military confrontations, and a major war all within the last 6 years. Should defense spending be a major priority for Nation X? Should they increase defense spending, at least, somewhat?

Well, Nation X isn't a hypothetical country, it is actually the United States. Over the last six years, the U.S. has enforced embargoes on Cuba, Iraq, Iran, and Haiti. We have had military operations in Panama, Somalia, Bosnia, and Haiti. Current conflicts with Iran, Iraq, and North Korea still require the threat of force and have the possibility of flaring up. And, let us not forget that we fought the Gulf War just

three years ago.

It is feasible that we may be militarily engaged in 3 or 4 places around the world, possibly even in a war, in the near future. At the same time, we will be trying to maintain embargoes. This is a tremendous strain on conventional forces and

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this is why we need to stop cutting troops, closing bases around the world, and cutting spending for tanks, planes, weapons, etc... Rather, we need to increase spending in these areas.

I realize that we have plenty of nuclear warheads, but spending for conventional forces must

increase. In a world full of unstable governments and unclear battles over territory, we must be strong. Living with the threat of nuclear proliferation, we must reinforce our military. With several countries, such as China, Germany, and Japan, increasing in technology and expanding their economies, we must continue to be militarily superior. This means that we must continue to expand our military research and development as well as bulk up present forces.

Up With People Gives a "High Energy Musical Performance"

By Rose Forrest

Ever have the chance to travel around the world, learn about different cultures, and perform with 150 people from 22 countries? Nali Carmona and John Comfort do. Nali is from Mexico and John is from the US. They will be traveling to 80 or 90 cities before July 25, 1995 and they have been on the road since July 24, 1994. They are with a group called Up With People, which is an international non-profit group founded in 1965 for performing arts and community service.

"It is a high energy musical performance," Nali explains. "It is an international blend of music, live vocals, costumes, dancing, lights and songs from different countries." The shows have messages. They inform on such topics as education, aids, refugees, and drugs.

"We get a lot out of this," John explains, "a year of friendship, travel, and learning about

ourselves." John didn't know what he was in for when he became part



of the group. "I didn't realize how great an option it was for me. They went to my school and gave information. I thought I wasn't going to make it...I'm here."

Nali performs with Up With People to learn about other countries. She comments, "It is everything I want to do in a small package." Both have learned young people can make a difference.

There are no auditions for Up With People. Instead, there are interviews. The qualities looked for are character, values, aptitude for leadership, motivation to service, communication skills, and the maturity to adapt to the variety of environments. All members must be between 17 and 26 and they must have a high school diploma. Up With People holds interviews after every show.

Nali reports the group will perform "to schools, service clubs, whoever will listen." Up With People has also performed at local community theaters, super bowls, and for popes, presidents, kings and Queens.

On Friday, November 25, Up With People will be at McDonalds on Main St. Glastonbury throughout the day, from 10 to 7, answering questions and informing people about their group.



The many cans collected in this year's food drive will be given to hungry people in the Hartford area.

GHS Beats East Hartford in Food Drive

By Missy Merwin

On the week of November 14, Glastonbury High School held its annual food drive. Like usual, GHS competed with its rival, East Hartford High School. To get students into the mood for competition, spirit week was held so students could have fun while bringing their non-perishable food

items.

Tuesday, November 15 was "College Day," with many students showing spirit by wearing sweatshirts, t-shirts, jackets, and hats that displayed the names and logos of their favorite colleges.

On Wednesday, November 16, it was "Hat Day." An unusual

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News in Brief

East Hartford High School Exchange

On Friday, November 18, approximately forty of the most active Glastonbury High School student council members and the football, cheerleading, and color guard captains visited East Hartford High School in the annual exchange between the two schools. Students were welcomed with refreshments and then broke off into four groups to discuss a problem involving moral, ethical, and political issues. Afterwards, GHS students went with a partner to two periods and lunch, where GHS students witnessed the frenzy of the EHHS food drive and penny wars.

GHS Student Council Advisor Peter Wild stated, "I think this is very impressive. It seems that East Hartford has more spirit and activities than GHS. I hope [the exchange] is a catalyst for ideas." At 1:20, the GHS students left East Hartford. Next year, East Hartford students will visit GHS. As Wild puts it, the purpose of the yearly exchange is to "foster good relations between the schools."

ID Cards Distributed

During the week of October 10, students were issued ID cards for the first time in the history of Glastonbury High School and given a first chance to put them into use at the Homecoming Dance. Students are reminded that the cards will be needed to participate in school functions and to check out materials from the library media center. Due to actions by the Student Council, area businesses may offer discounts to

GHS students who shop at their stores.

National Merit Semi-Finalists

Each new school year, countless high school juniors take the PSAT/NMSQT. In addition to being a practice for the SATs, taking the PSAT/NMSQT can also result in being chosen by the National Merit Scholarship Foundation for recognition and a possible scholarship during senior year. To be named a semi-finalist, a student must score at least a 70 (equivalent 700 on SATs) on both the math and verbal sections. The semi-finalists who also have high academic records will also qualify as finalists and those finalists with the highest scores will be given scholarships. Congratulations to Seniors **Nancy Abella**, **Jim Bergstrom**, and **Albert Kim** for their outstanding achievements in being named as National Merit Semi-finalists.

Rise in Student Population

A notable change for the 1994-95 school year is that the student population at Glastonbury High School has increased by over a hundred students. At the end of the 1993-94 school year, GHS had a total of 1290 students. By September of the current school year, the student population had increased to 1412, over fifty more students than predicted. The largest increase in class size has been the class of 1998, which has accounted for the majority of the fifty students. The surge in population that affected elementary schools in the late 1980's has clearly been at least partially re-

sponsible for the trend. As Principal Alan Bookman stated in the Glastonbury High School Newsletter, GHS expects "continued growth, in terms of 100 students each year for at least the next few years."

Jazz Band Concert

On December 2, at 7:30 pm in the GHS auditorium, the Glastonbury High School Jazz Band, as conducted by William Eriksen, will open for the New England Jazz Ensemble featuring soloist/jazz clarinetist Dick Johnson. The New England Jazz Ensemble will play the Duke Ellington version of the "Nutcracker Suite," while the GHS Jazz Band will play such tunes as "Bring it on Home," a jazz version of Eric Clapton's "Layla," and "Over the Rainbow," featuring the saxophone and rhythm sections. Profits will support band activities during the year. Tickets are available at \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and can be ordered in advance by calling 666-6728.

Library needs National Geographic Magazines

National Geographic magazines are widely used by students at GHS. The heavy use, however, has caused some issues to wear out or get lost. The library media center is seeking donations of old issues. If you are interested or want a list of issues most needed, then call 652-7231 between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm on any school day or drop them in the main office addressed to the library.

Writing Conference Center

To aid seniors in writing college essays, the English department created the "Writing Conference Center." During September and October, seniors could drop into the English workroom to seek assistance from an available teacher. From November through the end of the school year, all ninth graders will be assigned to the center at least three times to participate in a writing conference. The center is now available to all GHS students in any grade, for voluntary conferences. As English teacher Robert Furlong puts it, "The English Department is aware of the enormous impact one on one conferencing can have on a students' writing and are confident that the writing center will serve to enhance and further develop writing skills."

Ski Sale

On Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19, the annual ski sale was held in the GHS cafeteria. Both new and used equipment for all level of skiers were available for purchase. Unlike previous years, where the ski sale was sponsored by the GHS Ski Club, this year's was held with profits going to the Class of 1995 Graduation Party.

Staff Accomplishment

English teacher Helene Springer will be working with the Connecticut Historical Society to develop classroom materials for a permanent exhibit on Connecticut history to open at the Old State House in Hartford in 1995. She will help create the exhibition about immigrants adjusting to one

another as they form a new community. This project is part of a grant for "Connecting with Connecticut History: A Museum/School Collaboration."

Graduation and Future plans

For class of 1995 members, it is the student's responsibility to double-check to make sure that they have enough credits to meet requirements for graduation. In addition, transcripts have already been printed. Seniors should make appointments with their guidance counselor before December 1 to review transcripts for correct courses, grade point average, and class rank, and to review any four or two year college, technical school, military, or job plans.

Important Dates

December 2 - deadline to drop first semester and all year courses without penalty; "Disco Wonderland" dance, sponsored by Student Council; Jazz Band Concert

December 3 - SAT I and SAT II

December 6 - Mid-marking notices; Fall Sports Awards Night (snow day - 12/8)

December 7 - All-Orchestra Winter Concert

December 12 - Blood Drive, sponsored by Student Council

December 15 - Choir Winter Concert

December 21 - Winter Band Concert

December 23 - early dismissal for Winter Vacation

December 26 - January 2 - Winter Vacation

January 23 - Taste of Glastonbury

Roving Reporter

What does Thanksgiving holiday mean to you?

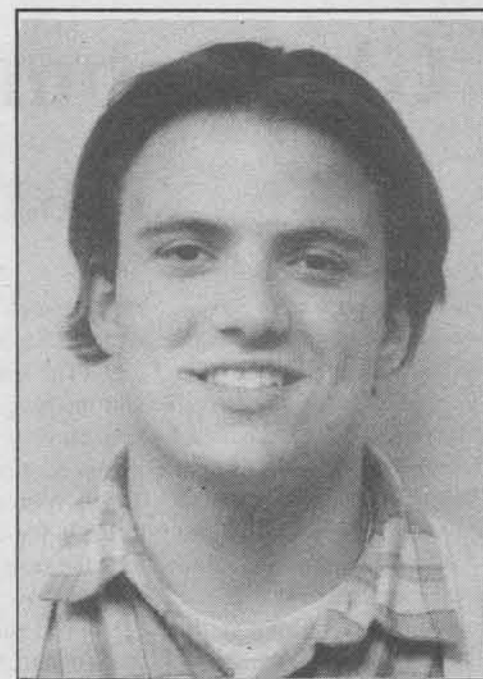
By Ted Hine



"Thanksgiving is population control for turkeys and cranberries"
-Jeremy Gerrard, '96



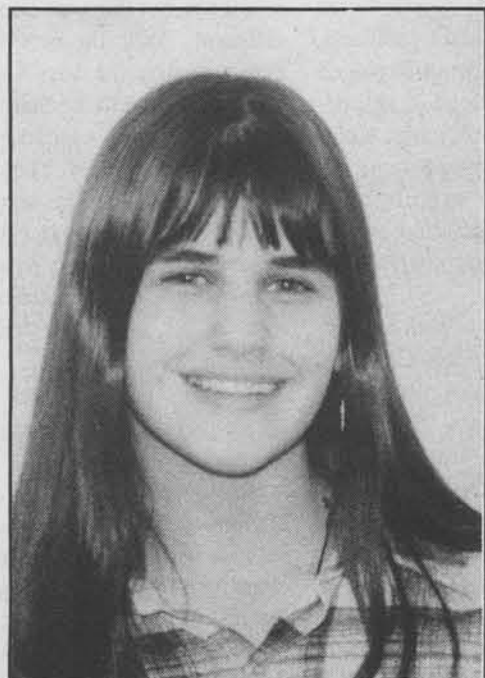
"It means nothing to me; I'm a vegetarian and my family doesn't celebrate it"
-Meghana Shah, '97



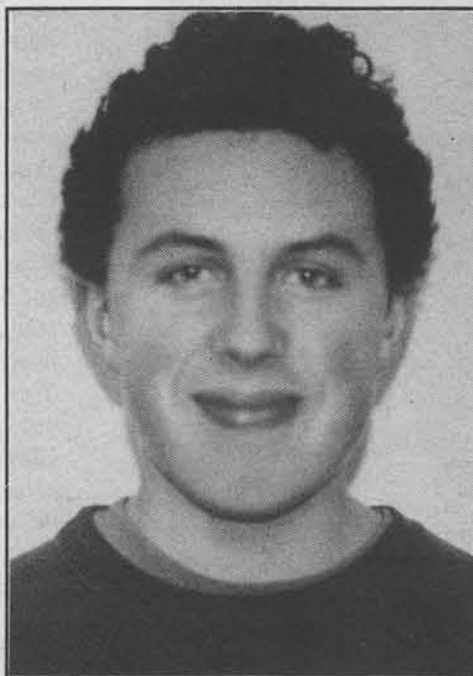
"Thanksgiving means time to spend with family and lots of food"
-Dave Pirrotta, '95



"Thanksgiving means no school and...TURKEY!!"
Brian Harris, '97



"Thanksgiving is a time for thanksgiving"
-Sirius Fuller, '97



"Thanksgiving means being stuck in a car for three hours with my family. Scary!"
-Erin Grot, '97

"It means getting lots of presents from Santa!"
-Jeremy Edmund, '98

"Thanksgiving means being nice to my cousins"
-Luci Ruff, '97

"It means being with family and having vacation from school"
-Micheal Hawley, '97

GHS Sports

A First in Five Years, Glastonbury Beats East Hartford

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a touchdown with a two-point conversion could put the game out of reach for the Hornets. On the second play of the drive, Parseliti ran for six yards, but was tackled by his face mask, which was called and caused the ball to be moved 15 extra yards. Lord and Olschefske continued to pound the defensive line of the Hornets for more rushing yards. On the fifth play of the drive, Glastonbury confused the Hornets by having Olschefske take the snap and run for a crucial first down. The drive continued and once again East Hartford was penalized for grabbing another face

mask, which moved the ball an extra 15 yards.

The tenth play of the drive was the play of the game as Fay found Lord wide open and zipped a pass to him for a touchdown. This now brought the score to 13 to 6. On the extra point try, Fay took the snap and ran for the end zone but saw he was blocked, so he flipped the ball to Frechette who got into the end zone to complete the two-point conversion. This brought the score to 15-6 and put the game out of reach for the East Hartford Hornets.

Parseliti summed up the

game by saying, "It was the first time in my high school career that we beat East Hartford in football. It was gratifying."

The game ended with this score and the win brought the Tomahawks to a season ending record of 6 and 4. This was the first time since 1989 that GHS has won the Thanksgiving day game and it will be remembered for a long time to come. The team will be graduating Jake Fay, Dan Parseliti, Mike Kiernan, Jon Lord, Steve Stanchfield, and Tim St. James.



Photo By Lesse Reynolds

Boys Cross Country is Close to History

By Daniel Carter

Divisionals—Crossing the first mile mark in 4:56 was enough to impress even the cross-country coach from Central Connecticut State University who was officiating the 1994 Central Connecticut Conference Western Division Championships. The Championships were held at Stanley Quarter Park in New Britain on Thursday, October 20.

Glastonbury's Jeff McCarthy continued to impress everyone; phenomenally, two other runners continued to stay with him. Those other runners were Simsbury's Mike Brouillet and Conard's Jaime Lyko. Shortly thereafter, the other runners disappeared and McCarthy took a commanding lead that he would not relinquish. McCarthy won the conference title with a time of 16:04 for the 3.1 mile course, nearly forty seconds ahead of the second place finisher. Glastonbury's team strategy also seemed to pay off. Sophomores Ryan Mahoney, Mike Giuliano, and Senior Gary Vrooman placed ninth, tenth, and eleventh respectively. Furthermore, junior Keith York placing twenty-second all but guaranteed maintaining Glastonbury's reputation as one of the best cross-country teams in the state.

Class Meet—With a quarter mile left in the 1994 Class LL cross-country championships, Hartford Public's Sampson Yohannes had a commanding five second lead over Xavier-Middletown's Steven Maheu and Glastonbury's Jeff McCarthy. All of a sudden, Yohannes pulled a muscle and started walking. After the shock of Sampson dropping wore off, victory now seemed possible for these young phenoms; both began to put on a mad dash for the finish line. It was extremely close until the very end, with Maheu pulling off a narrow four second victory.

The race for Glastonbury was not over when McCarthy crossed the finish line. Mahoney, Giuliano, Vrooman, senior Kelly Gilman, senior Sam Allen, and York were still fighting to give

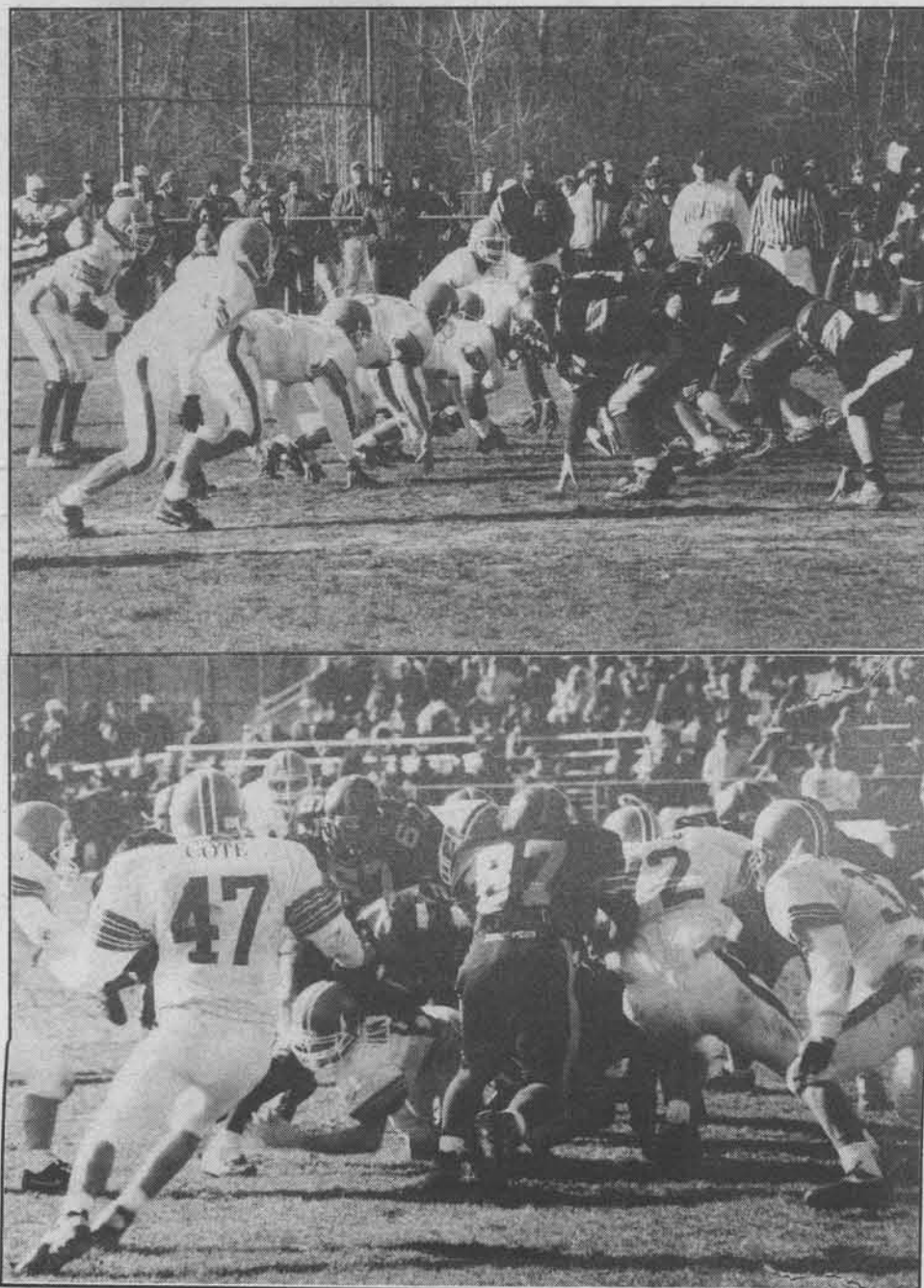
Glastonbury a team qualification for the State Open. When the race was over, and the results were tabulated, Glastonbury had finished fourth in the class behind Xavier-Middletown, Manchester, and Norwich Free Academy (NFA), and fifth overall in the state as Simsbury took first overall with an overwhelming victory in the Class L race. Although NFA beat Glastonbury by twenty-one points, Glastonbury's total team time was faster than theirs. Glastonbury had accomplished their goal with their third consecutive berth in the State Open, and, by placing fifth overall in the state, maintained a berth to compete in the New England Championships as a team, as only six teams in the state can qualify to compete in this meet.

State Open—Never before had any cross-country team from Glastonbury High School earned a berth in the New England Open as a team, but this year was to be different. With the best chance ever to qualify, the Boys X-Country team went into the State Open confident. They needed a sixth place finish to qualify. They knew they could do it. The team had what it takes: A superstar runner, experienced captains, new runners with great determination, but most of all, a burning desire to succeed.

The race began well, with the entire team in the top third of the pack. State Opens are infamous for being very rough at the beginning, with the best runners in the state fighting as hard as they could for an early advantage over the rest of the field. This year's race was no exception to the tradition. However, something happened that wasn't supposed to. While fighting for early position, sophomore Mike Giuliano lost his footing and collided with a metal stake that was holding up a flag used to mark the course. In the aftermath of this collision, Glastonbury now found itself without their number three runner, a runner that was a necessity if the team was to qualify for the

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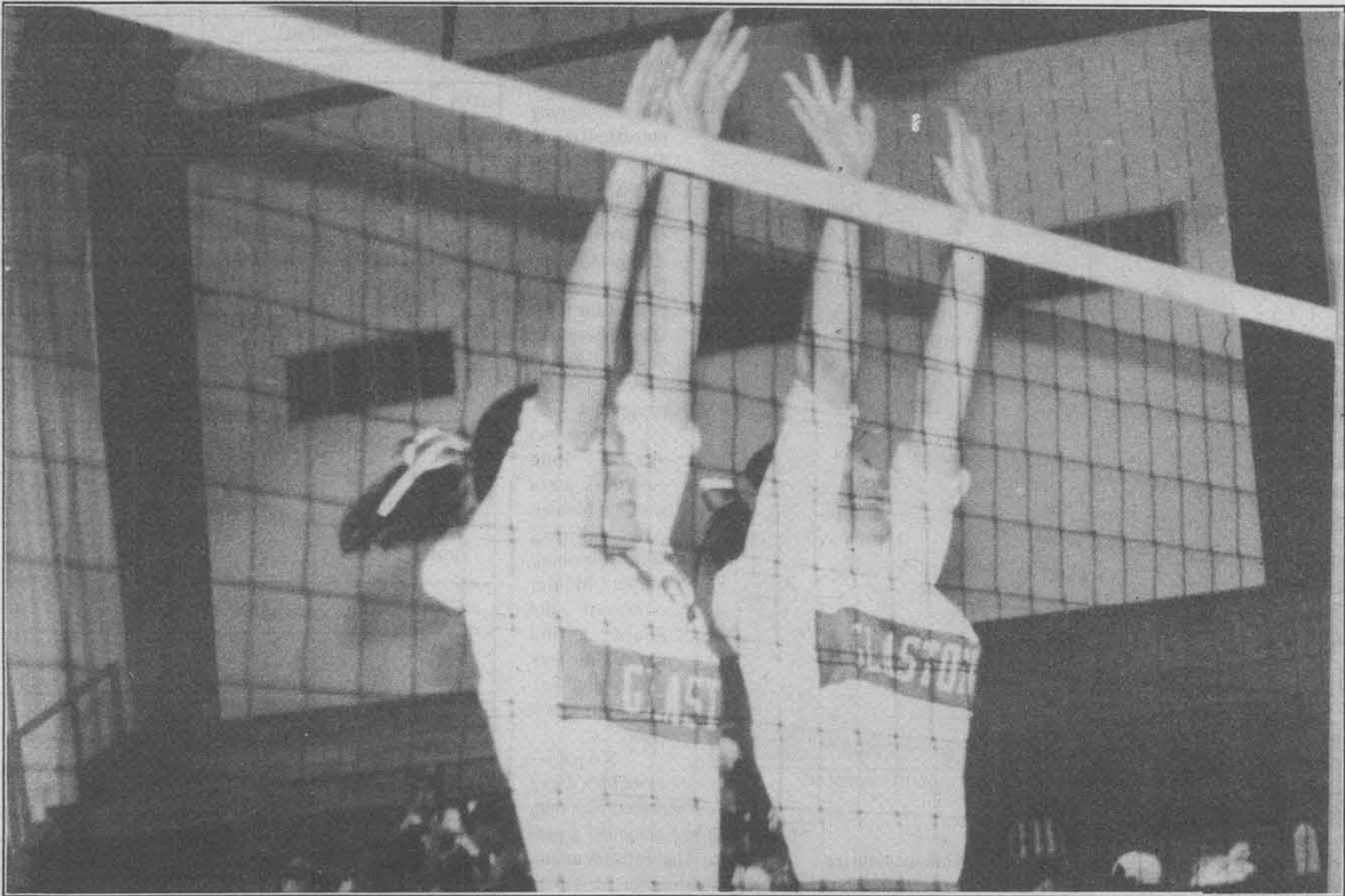
Thanksgiving Day Game Photos



Photos By Marc Housley

Volleyball Season Ends in Quarterfinal

By Shane Igo and Hanching Fuh



Hard-hits Good serves. Extraordinary digs. All of these highlighted the Girls' Volleyball 19-1 season along with the Class L Quarterfinal match against the Cardinals of Greenwich. In the match, the team played like they did in the past 41, but with a different outcome. The opposition, going on a serving streak in the fifth and final game to take the match, eliminated the Tomahawks from the tournament, and end Glastonbury's two year winning streak and hopes of another Class L championship.

After the match, Glastonbury team members were calm in their reaction. Senior Co-

captain Libby Plikaitis commented, "I wasn't upset because look at the season we had. When you take some wins, you have to take the losses. There was nothing to be upset about. Our team [over the past two years] was 41-1. How can you complain about that? Just to have the team we did was great."

Despite this loss, Glastonbury still had a successful season, winning the CCC West title again with an untarnished regular season record of 18-0. Because of this, they were tied for first during regular season play with 1993 and 1994 Class M champions Darien in the Hartford

Courant Coaches' Poll, an honor that last years' team never received.

Senior Co-captain Leah Whynacht said, "I am really proud of the season. In the beginning, we weren't used to each other, but as the season went on we started playing together. Everyone definitely improved."

Plikaitis added, "We had a totally different team from last year. It took a while for us to get used to each other. But, we were really lucky that all of our players were talented, once we got used to each other we had so much potential and were a great team."

With the loss, many people

would expect the team to not have achieved their season goals. The answer is a resounding "No." Whynacht mentioned, "Over the season, we became a team that we were proud to be. One of my goals was to win the title again, but the most important thing is that we became a team."

This sentiment was echoed by Plikaitis. "We all had the goal to go to the state finals and win, which we didn't reach. But, I fulfilled my goals. We played well and I got my jump serve down. Whether or not we got those goals we set could not take away from our team because there are more important things than being the

winner. Most people play volleyball because they love it and want to have fun. If you achieve that I think you have reached your goals."

The Tomahawks will be graduating Jaclyn Jones, Lauren Faustman, Lauren Sulcius, Whynacht, and Plikaitis, along with Allison Ameenle, who, because of an injury, could not play this year.

Plikaitis wrapped up the season by saying, "I want to thank the team and the coaches who did awesome this year. I also want to thank our managers, our fans, especially Mike Sposito and Gary Buzzell, and of course, Cranky Bob."

Girls Volleyball Statistics

Number	Player	Serving	Aces	Kills	Blocks	Digs	Assists
4 (captain)	Liz Plikaitis	94.9% (351/370)	59	137	13	46	1
9 (captain)	Leah Whynacht	89.7% (269/300)	79	142	58	34	1
10	Kristen Godek	85.4% (169/198)	17	19	5	9	97
12	Lauren Sulcius	84.2% (64/76)	9	1	1	5	57
13	Laurie LeBleu	84.3% (150/148)	47	174	23	44	3
16	Jen Blessing	78.8% (26/33)	6	12	2	7	0
18	Laura Parente	86.7% (65/75)	12	25	3	9	0
20	Andrea Bowen	80.7% (88/109)	22	19	9	20	0
21	Christine Biscotti	100% (9/9)	4	0	0	1	2
22	Lauren Faustman	91.5% (52/28)	6	7	2	4	29
23	Jaclyn Jones	72.5% (150/207)	46	67	25	21	128
Totals		83.4% (1348/1613)	307	601	139	199	318

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Boys Soccer Season Ends With Lose to Danbury

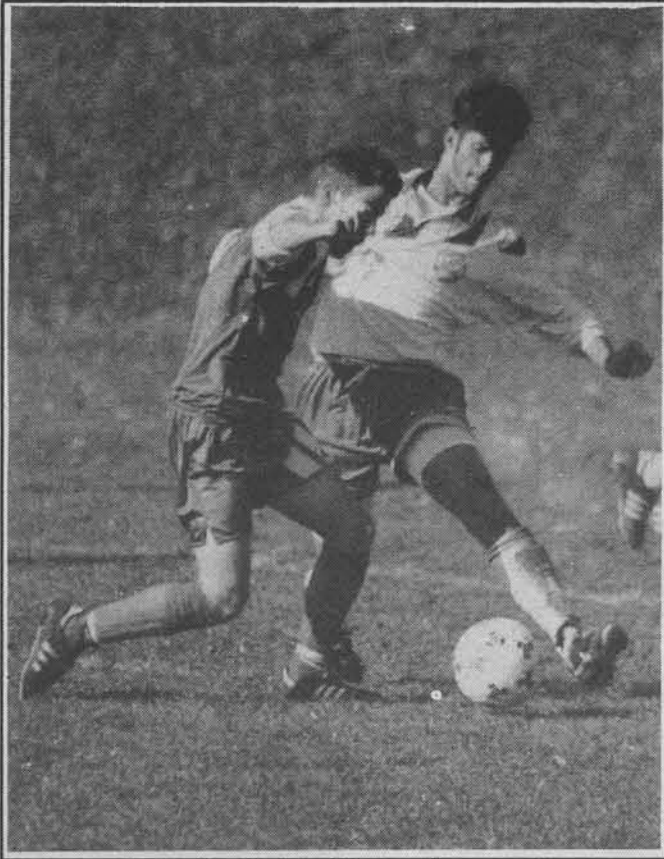
By Jen McQuilken

It was a great season that Glastonbury's game. They won save and 7 shots, 6 of which were ended too soon for the Boys Soccer Team.

They made it to the quarterfinals of the state tournament where they contested top-ranked Danbury (14-1?). Glastonbury, 13-3-3 on the season, undoubtedly dominated throughout most of the game. Senior Jason Goodhue made several excellent saves for Glastonbury to tie Danbury 0-0 at the end of regulation.

In sudden death overtime Glastonbury attempted at several shots, including one by Junior Ken Mehler that was just wide of the goal post. Immediately afterwards Danbury recovered and quickly moved the ball down the field to score 2:18 into overtime to win the game and a place in the semifinals.

In the second round game, before Danbury, Glastonbury played one of their best games of the season against Simsbury. Although Simsbury had the home field advantage, as clearly reinforced by their kickboard, it was



Junior Ken Mehler Wards off opponent

Photo By Jen McQuilken

by Goodhue, saw the game slipping out of their reach. They came out strong in the second half, and Glastonbury struggled for the first few minutes, but not for long. Glastonbury took control and played their game.

Webb had another long pass, this one to a waiting Mehler. After colliding with a Simsbury player, Mehler confused the goalie and scored. Simsbury was losing 3-0, but kept up a fight.

Sophomore Max Zieky scored with only

4-0. Less than 5 minutes into the game Mehler scored an unassisted goal. He dodged 2 defenders and scored inside the far post to put Glastonbury up by 1.

With 8:06 left in the first half, Senior Tyler Webb had a long pass that found Sophomore Jim Hankard. Hankard promptly put it by the goalie to put Glastonbury up 2-0.

Simsbury, having only 1

1:24 left in the game off a pass from Junior Alan Ellis for an impressive final score of 4-0 in Glastonbury's favor.

Midfield and defense, namely Freshman Joe Arseneaux; Seniors Dan O'Grady, Marc Ruggerio, and Webb; and Zieky dominated the whole game, stopping many Simsbury attempts in mid stride to prevent them from getting shots off. Goodhue saved 11 shots for the shutout.

Date	Opponent	Opp. Shots	GHS Saves	Glas. vs. Opp. Score
10-25	Bloomfield	4	4	80
10-28	@ Windsor	15	14	3-1
10-31	Wethersfield	6	3	9-1
11-2	Guilford	6	6	5-0
11-7	Naugatuck	6	6	11-0
11-9	@ Simsbury	12	11	4-0
11-12	Danbury (neutral site)	15	9	0-1

Player	Goals	Assists	Points
Dan O'Grady	1	2	4
Tyler Webb	1	10	10
Derek Rurka	1	2	4
Greg Mason	2	0	4
Jason Goodhue	1	0	2
Dave Sandifer	3	3	9
Jamie Farrell	2	3	7
Ken Mehler	25	10	60
Charlie Skoronski	11	6	28
Alan Ellis	5	5	15
Tyler Otfinoski	2	2	6
Jeff Thompson	2	0	4
Seth Cooper	1	0	2
Max Zieky	14	4	32
Dave White	1	0	2
Jim Hankard	5	3	13
Greg D'amato	2	1	5
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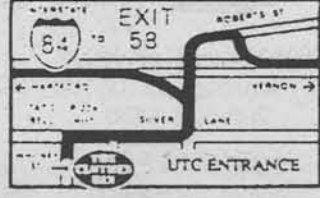
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Girls Soccer Upset in Tournament

By Jason Hoyer

Prior to the Girls Soccer Hall had missed an open-net minute after Flanigan's shot, when tournament, it seemed Glastonbury

Glastonbury had been playing a defensive-minded game the first half, and were outplayed. The second half, however, was a different story. Led by Penney and Sargent, the Tomahawks controlled the ball most of the second half.

Landers

praised the team for moving the ball well, and coming together nicely during the unbeaten streak.

"Kim Bundock and K.C. Mazzer, the senior captains, kept the team together after the tough start," Landers remarked.

Landers was also quick to give praise to Heilman and Fish. Heilman led a strong Glastonbury defense that kept the ball out of their end, while Fish scored a team high 16 goals, an impressive number that put her in the top ten goal scorers in the state.

two members of the varsity team are expected to return next year. With a more experienced team, Glastonbury looks to have an even better season next year.

Class L pairings, Glastonbury Head Coach Robert Landers commented, "In the tournament, you really need a little luck." Landers speaks from experience. Last year the Tomahawks, after having

had a fine regular season, were "rewarded" by being paired against Wilton in the first round. Glastonbury lost the game, and Wilton went on to capture the state championship.

This year, unfortunately, the outcome was the same. Glastonbury fell to Hall, 1-0, and was knocked out of the tournament in the first round for the second consecutive year. It was a disheartening end to a 12-3-2 season that had cumulated with a sixth place ranking in the state before the loss.

Hall's Rachel Trinagali scored the contest's only goal, 3 minutes and 29 seconds into the game, rebounding a shot off the post into an open net. The Tomahawks had been swarmed during the opening minutes of the game.

chance just 30 seconds into the game.

Glastonbury had few serious scoring chances until the second half. Their best chance occurred with 22 minutes left, when Sophomore Ashley Flanigan had a one on one opportunity. Hall's goalie came out to cut down the angle, and Flanigan's shot on the open net sailed over the crossbar. Glastonbury's other chances came from two shots by Sophomore Stephanie Fish and a long kick from Junior Kristin Penney kick.

The game was marred by some questionable officiating. Throughout the game it appeared the officials had choked on their whistles. Practically nothing was called the first half of the game, but the most obvious miss came a

a Hall forward blatantly tripped Glastonbury sweeper Junior Nicky Heilman. The violation was probably worthy of a yellow card, but not even a free kick was awarded to the Tomahawks, despite their protests.

Other controversial actions ensued. The Hall coach intentionally slowed the pace of the game down in the waning minutes by substituting many players, stopping the game, but not the clock. Also confusing was a whistle by the official in the final minute of the contest. Play continued for fifteen seconds before stopping. However, time was not restored to the clock and the game was soon thereafter over.

Coming into the Class L

could not be beaten. The season started slowly, with a 3-1 loss to Hall, a loss to Simsbury, and a tie against Weaver all coming in September.

"The 2-2 tie versus Weaver served as a wake up call," said Landers. "It wrung our bells."

Then the Tomahawks unbeaten streak followed, going 9-0-1 the rest of the regular season, including victories over Hall and Manchester, and a tie with number one ranked Simsbury.

Simsbury was ranked 14th against Glastonbury, all perfect record. Despite being down 2-0 at halftime, the Tomahawks stormed back with goals from Freshman Sarah Sargent and Sophomore Erin O'Grady.



The Girls Soccer Team ends their season with a 12-3-2

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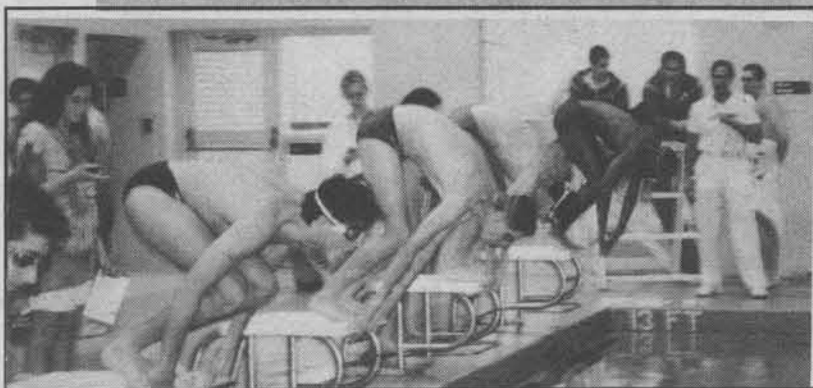
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Boys Swimming Ready to Take Off

By Stephanie Shuler

The general consensus on how the Boys Swim Team will do this year seems to be that they have a very good chance of winning the CCC West title. Hall, last year's champion, will be an exceptionally strong and challenging team to beat.

Most of their swimmers are returning this year after losing only two seniors. On the other hand, Glastonbury lost some of this year's seniors as well as last year's strong competitors who jointly covered every event. But Suzie Hoyt, the swimming coach, says not to worry, "Many of our swimmers swam over the summer and will be stronger than last year. The captains are very serious and confident. The other seniors are backing them up one-hundred percent, and with a strong class like that everyone seems to follow suit when shown what needs to be done. I think we'll do

great."

All three captains commented that they think the team will be excellent this year and that the swimmers definitely have the talent to win the CCC West. Senior John Cole explained, "We have a lot of depth and versatile swimmers. There are a lot of good back-ups on the team this year, especially in backstroke and butterfly. Our only real weakness may be in the 200 Individual Medley. If we are able to stay focused throughout the season we will stand above all."

Senior Caury Bailey thinks everyone should push themselves and said a major motivation is shaving heads. Confident in the new freshmen, Bailey comments that he has heard that Freshman Rick Halahan gets under a minute in 100 backstroke and will be a strong attribute to the team.

Hoyt says she knows some

freshmen have been scared off by the hard work and vigorous exercise, but asks anyone who has the dedication to show up. Senior Ben Hollister remarks, "We are more a family than a team, and we all work together. We also hang out on the weekends and do stuff like going out for breakfast."

Diving Coach Tyrrell White says she expects their only diver at the moment, Sophomore John Patoka, to do very well. "Last year, as a freshmen, John went to States, so I'm expecting that again this year. I know he worked out this summer and will have improved his performance."

Hoyt was just as confident in his ability. "John will do fine. Last year he learned a lot of new dives and did a fantastic job. If he shows the same patience, dedication, spirit, and desire to learn this season, he will do great."

Boys Swimming Tri-Captains Have Been Selected

By Stephanie Shuler

As the 94-95 winter sports season kicks into action, swimmers Caury Bailey, John Cole, and Ben Hollister look forward to an exciting season. Each has been elected to the honorable position of tri-captain for many reasons including dedication and leadership skills. Ben stated, "Captaincy is a big position to fill, but I hope to encourage other swimmers to be responsible and work their butts off."

Caury Bailey is a talented and very dedicated swimmer. When asked why Bailey has chosen to swim as opposed to other sports he responded by saying, "I swim because everything just clicks when I'm in the water. It feels like no other sport." Bailey swims and lifts weights all year long in hope of making State Opens in an individual event. This year will be his fourth year going

to States, but his goal is to swim the 100 yard freestyle event in fifty seconds or less. When not swimming for the Tomahawks, Bailey swims for Central Connecticut Aquatics six days a week. He has sought improvement by attending the USA Swim Camp at Eastern three times. Caury hopes to achieve many things as a team, "I want the team to win the CCC West this year, place higher in States than in previous years, and have all the swimmers get best times." Because the Boys Swim Team at GHS practices six days a week for three hours or more each day, swimmers like Bailey don't have much free time. "This does affect my homework," Bailey admitted, "but I try hard to get everything done on weekends, if I'm not too tired."

John Cole commented, "Swimming is a good

sport. I like it not only because it's really fun and good for the body, but we have a definite team unity." Cole has come a long way since he started swimming seven or eight years ago. In the summer-time he swims for Woodledge and he went to Central Connecticut University Swim Camp two years ago. His other physical endeavors include playing volleyball for the Tomahawks and doing dry land exercises. Although Cole has not made States before, he does have personal ambition, "This year I will make it in the 500 freestyle!" Cole maintains his positive attitude as an influential captain too, "I will be a motivator and help the team achieve its potential." He agrees with Bailey about the amount of time swimmers have to dedicate, "Makes life hectic." However he says it makes him

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Future Bright for Girls Indoor Track

By Daniel Carter

After graduating nine seniors and losing their head coach, the Girl's Indoor Track team will be in a season of rebuilding this winter.

They should, however, be able to maintain their standing as one of the top teams in the Central Connecticut Conference.

Special Education Teacher Kim Cody, who coached the Junior Varsity Boy's Volleyball team last year, will be taking over the head coaching position left empty when last year's coach, Barbara Matthewson, went back to coaching at Staples High School in Westport, Connecticut.

Despite the loss of the powerful distance running duo of Michelle and Laura Harris to graduation, the team still maintains three very strong competitors on the state level. Senior Captain Leah Whynacht has been

virtually unstoppable in the long jump while winning All-Conference honors. Senior Kathleen Cusick has very impressively continued to be one of the top high

jumpers in the state, as well as New England, by winning All-Conference, State, and New England Honors last year. Junior Audra Price is expected to continue to excel

at sprinting, after earning All-State honors last year with a fourth place finish in the 500 meter race. Senior Jackie Jones also hopes to improve on her finishes last year in the sprints. Many younger runners, including Sophomores Ashley Flanigan, Nora Brokowski, and Dorrie Gilman, should be able to step up and fill in the gaps left empty from graduation.

The season looks bright for the Girls Indoor Track team. The meets begin weekly starting in January.



Phenomenal Season Ahead for Girls Basketball

By Eric Stein and Josh Spiegelman

After winning their league title for four consecutive years, the Girls Basketball team is looking forward to having another successful season. The Tomahawks have only lost one player from last year's team, Nicole Posillico. This year's team returns four starters from last year: Juniors Kristin Penny, Rachel Balloch, Betsy Strickland, and Caitlin Hogan. The team will also have four returning seniors from last year's team.

"Two of our biggest strengths this year will be our experience and our winning tradition," said Mehler. The only drawback of this year's team is their lack of height.

The leaders on offense should be Penny who averaged 12.7 pts. per game last season, and Balloch who averaged 11.6 pts. per game. Penny was the team's leading three-point shooter

last year. The team also has some other players who can put some points on the board, Strickland and Hogan. Coach Mehler also feels that his team may have some up and coming players that will make a contribution to the team.

Mehler said, "Simsbury should be our competition in our division because they have a 6'2" former All-State player who has transferred there." According to Mehler, Weaver should be another tough team in their division. The girls will also play a tough, non-conference schedule including East Hartford, Bristol Eastern, and Southington. This year, the team will play twenty regular season games as well as three scrimmages.

The girls are looking toward having another phenomenal season and are hoping to win the CCC West title once again.

Previews

Indoor Track Looks Toward Another Championship

Ten years ago, the first CCC Indoor Track Championships began, and for ten years the event has been held at Glastonbury High School. However, until last year, the the Glastonbury Boys Indoor Track team had never won the event. In a dramatic final event finish, the team won its first ever CCC Indoor Track Championships.

One year later, it looks as if the Tomahawks should be able to successfully defend that title. The runners now find themselves in a unique position. While the state's top teams were grappling over how many seniors they were losing, Glastonbury realized that they

were only losing two seniors. However, those seniors will not be easy to replace. Last year's captains Jeremy Gordon and Brandon Cochrane were two of the top runners in the state.

With the return of top sprinters such as Senior Pat Desmond and Juniors Mark Olshefskie and K.C. Sullivan, Gordon's loss will

probably not be a fatal one for the team.

As for Cochrane, Coach Carl Peterson is hoping for a very productive season from the cross-country team's number two runner, Sophomore Ryan Mahoney. He is crossing over from basket-

ball this year to continue his running. Glastonbury will also be without the services of middle-distance runner Brendan Frayne, who moved to Plano, Texas during the summer break. The team will definitely be at a loss without him.

Where will the rest of the points come from? The pole vaulting trio of Seniors Keith Chicoine, Justin Meunier, and Sean Cope are poised to sweep the State Open this year.

The 4x200 relay team which won the Class L title last year, is still in excellent shape despite the loss of Gordon. Senior Garrett Fink is expected to fill Gordon's vacant spot.

After great success in cross-country, Senior Jeff McCarthy is ready to better his fourth place finish in the two mile.

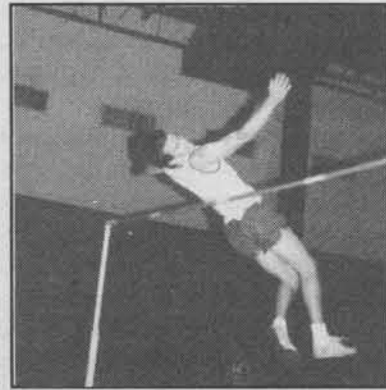
Peterson has to look to his younger distance runners to step up to the occasion to fill the gaps

left by Cochrane in the middle-distance and distance races. This year look for Senior Gary Vrooman in the distance races, Juniors Jason Hoyer and Jeff Snyder in the 1000 meter race, Junior Dave Yakovich in the half mile, Sophomore Ryan Mahoney in distance races, as well as Junior Keith York in the middle-distance races.

Glastonbury's sprinting regime also looks very promising this year. Expect the Class L champion 4x200 relay team (Desmond, Fink, Olshefskie, and Sullivan), as well as the CCC

champion sprint medley relay team (Vrooman, Ryan Miller, Olshefskie, Sullivan) to produce great results for the team. Also look for Miller in the 45m and 4x400m relay team, Senior Pat Desmond in the 45m, 300m, and 4x200m relay, as well as a plethora of young talented sprinters ready to bust onto the scene at any moment.

Only one year after winning their first conference title, the Boys Indoor Track team is preparing to defend their title and is sitting poised to rise to the top of the state in a season that has the potential for the team to capture in a state title.



Hockey Team Looking For a Winning Season

By Josh Pruce

Last year, the Glastonbury Hockey team had a disappointing 5-14 -1 season. However, they did have a few moments of glory. The team pulled off a tremendous upset by winning the season opening Jamboree and they had big wins against rivals like East Hartford and Wethersfield. Unfortunately, these great moments were too few and far between.

The ugly reality is that they still lost 14 games over the last season. This year's team will also be without the services of top players like Tim McCarthy, Jason Labranche and Matt Albrecht, who all graduated last year. In total, almost one third of the team graduated last year which will mean that the team will have a lot of new faces for this season.

One of these new faces is going to be the head coach, Rob Arena. Arena was the assistant coach for Farmington High School for the past three years. Arena said that he has very high expectations for the team this year. He believes that the returning players

from last year's team are highly talented, and that the team will pick up some young talent to fill the gaps left by last year's graduating class. Arena also commented on how he will try to make the speedy transition from a losing team to a winning team in only one year. He truly believes that this team should be at least 10-10-0 at the end of the season.

The returning players have already picked one of this year's captain, Senior Paul Sinsigalli. The other captain or captains will be decided on by the players before the season starts.

The team will begin practicing soon to try to get ready for their first scrimmage on November 25 with South Windsor. Their first game will be on December 3 at the South Windsor Jamboree. This looks to be one of the best seasons in a long time for the GHS Hockey team. Keep an eye on them through the winter months, as they compete for their first ever CCC Western Divisional championship.

Bailey, Cole, and Hollister Senior Tri-Captains Ready for Last Season

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focus on study habits in order to get things done.

Although swimming has been Ben Hollister's main sport for the past ten years he also bikes, lifts weights, plays ultimate frisbee and football to keep in shape. He is a member of Woodledge where he swims and trains every summer in preparation for the high school team. Hollister was ex-

pecting to make States for the first time last year, but an injury ruined his chances. He says that he will try hard to make States in the 500 and 200 freestyle this year because, "I like the feeling of personal accomplishment I receive when I swim well." Another major commitment he will make is helping to lead the team to a winning season. "We have lost many

of our key leaders on the team, but I think we gained a lot of knowledge from them. This year we will put that knowledge to good use and lead our new swimmers to victory." Overall, Hollister just really enjoys swimming. "There are a lot of other things I could be doing, but swimming is what I want to do."

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Can Huskies Repeat in the Big East?

By Jason Hoyer

This year's edition of the Connecticut Huskies men's basketball team will likely play under pressure to post a record comparable to that of last year, when the Big East champs posted an impressive 16-2 league record en route to a 29-5 mark overall. However, this year Coach Jim Calhoun must begin the post-Donyell era. And unfortunately, Husky fans might find that life without the All-American forward might not be so sweet.

The absence of Marshall, who to the surprise of none bypassed his senior season to enter the NBA, will create an enormous hole in the UConn frontcourt. The other four starters have returned, and the bench is deep, but Marshall's offensive and defensive contributions, to a large extent, carried the team before his skills betrayed him in UConn's postseason losses to Providence and Florida.

Calhoun's talented backcourt of Kevin Ollie and Doron Sheffer remains intact. Ollie's consistent play has made him a solid piece of the team, but Sheffer will be looked upon to increase his offensive production in Marshall's absence. Sheffer averaged 11.9 points in his freshman year. Brian Fair can provide instant offense should either guard falter.

The frontcourt is where UConn's questionmarks lie. Ray Allen, however, can be depended on for big scoring numbers. The sophomore has the potential to average 20 points or more. Allen was impressive in his first season in the Big East. Donny Marshall returns at forward, but he'll move from small forward to power forward. It is vital "the other Marshall" increase his rebound production.

UConn still lacks a bigtime center, which is necessary to succeed in the Big East unless you have a Donyell Marshall, as they did last year. The center by committee of Travis Knight, Eric Hayward, and Natumbu Willingham really didn't do much. Expect Hayward to emerge as the starter. The 6'7" junior has a big frame that could give UConn a needed lift on defensive.

The Huskies, despite their returnees, will be hard-pressed to repeat as Big East champs. Georgetown and Syracuse have

improved, and should see to it that UConn will compete with a strong Villanova squad and a drastically revamped St. John's team for third place.

Though UConn did not pick up any newcomers of note, the conference had a banner recruiting year. Felipe Lopez and Zendon Hamilton of St. John's have had such a strong following out of high school that ESPN televised the Redmen's midnight madness practice in October, even though St. John's went 5-13 last year in the conference!! Allen Iverson will take over the point at Georgetown, where, along with big Othella Harrington, they will form the Big East's answer to the NBA's Stockton and Malone. Boston College will lose four starters from their elite eight team of a year ago, but a host of freshman, led by guard Chris Herren, will exceed expectations.

Some teams do have a number of talented starters returning. Villanova returns virtually everyone and is led by all-conference swingman Kerry Kittles. Senior Lawrence Moten is the odds on choice for Big East player of the year, and he'll lead an exciting, run and gun Syracuse team. Providence loses the strong frontcourt of Michael Smith and Dickey Simpkins, but returns Senior Eric Williams and Junior Michael Brown. New coaches Pete Gillen (Providence), George Blaney (Seton Hall), and Ralph Willard (Pittsburgh) all have rebuilding projects in their hands. Miami returns all five starters, but, as an understatement, will have to settle for the conference football title.

The country will find out just how good the 94/95 Huskies are right away. Connecticut will compete in the "great eight" tournament in November and will play their infamous nemesis Duke, the national runner-ups from last season.

There is one footnote I couldn't resist putting into this article. Last year I devoted an article criticizing California's Jason Kidd for bypassing his junior and senior seasons to enter the NBA. Now Kidd is a member of the woeful Dallas Mavericks. Recently, Kidd commented, "Now that I'm here we'll turn the program around 360 degrees." My thoughts exactly.



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Olympics.

To get a college scholarship.

Hobbies:

Plays violin and sings.

Is an active member of the French Club.

Is a Sunday School teacher at church.

GHS Field Hockey Showed Improvement

By Kathleen Hoyer and Janet Couture

The Glastonbury Field Hockey team has been scoring their way through a challenging and well improved season. This year, the Tomahawks have shown an improvement over last year's team. Coach Josie Paruta commented, "[This year's team] work well together, talk more on the field, and never give up."

Senior co-captains Amy Leon and Courtney Wrenn lead this year's varsity team to a 4-8-2 season. Goalies, Junior Michelle Tardiff and Wrenn, have combined to make an amazing 79 saves.

Junior Ellen Strong (sweeper/back) summed up the season by saying, "We played together well as a team and our record did not reflect how good we really were."

A Season in Review for Boys Cross Country

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New England.

Senior phenom Jeff McCarthy led the charge for the now handicapped team. As the crowd watched Holy Cross-Waterbury's Chris Longo fall further and further away from the front due to heat exhaustion, Jeff McCarthy began to close in on the leaders. With a surge over the last mile, Jeff placed himself fourth in the state, and earned himself an individual qualification for the New England Open. The team, minus Giuliano, placed a disappointing tenth place. It was a sad ending for a team that had such great potential to make school history. The eventual winners of

the State Open were Xavier-Middletown's Steve Maheu for individual, and Simsbury for the team title.

New England—On a chilly day in Manchester, New Hampshire, McCarthy now found himself for the first time this season in a race without his team. His determination and hardwork placed him seventeenth in New England. He is now moving on to compete in the Foot Locker Regionals to be held on Saturday, November 26, in New York, as he seeks to qualify for the National race to be held in the early part of December.

Girls Cross Country Ends Year of Rebuilding

The GHS Girls Cross Country team ended their season Saturday, October 29th at the Class LL meet at Wickham Park. Freshman Sue Parsons led the team with a 44th place finish, which put Glastonbury in 12th of out 26 teams in the race.

At the CCC Western Divisional Championship held a week earlier at Stanley Quarter Park in New Britain the top six finishers for Glastonbury were Junior Rebecca Zwerling-19th, Freshman Sue Parsons-21st, Senior Lesley Pate-32nd, Senior Brenda Bertolini-33rd, Sophomore Staci O'Leary-41st, and Sophomore Rebekah Burr-46th.

The 1994 season has proved successful, especially when considering that several team members were injured at different points during the fall. As Girls Cross Country Coach Paul Grogan remarked, "I think we had a good season. We got better with every meet."

Senior Lesley Pate agreed, adding, "I think we were a unified team. All of us tried to help the others get better."

This record was quite good when one also realizes that half of

last year's 14 member team graduated last June. Therefore, it was hoped that the 1994 season would

be a rebuilding one. With only three of the seven runners being upperclassmen in the Class meet this year, the hope of attracting a good number of freshmen and sophomores has become a reality.

The outlook for next year seems favorable as well. Freshman Janet Couture says, "I think everyone tried their hardest this season. I hope we can get to the state competitions and championships next year."

Sophomore Dorrie Gilman, who was unable to run for most of the season due to an injury, has individual as well as team goals for the 1995 season, "I think the team will be a little weaker next year because we will have lost the seniors, but I'm going to work really hard and make it to the State Open and possibly New England."

As Captain Brenda Bertolini comments, "With all the hard work I've seen some of the younger girls put in, I think the team could be really strong in a year or two."



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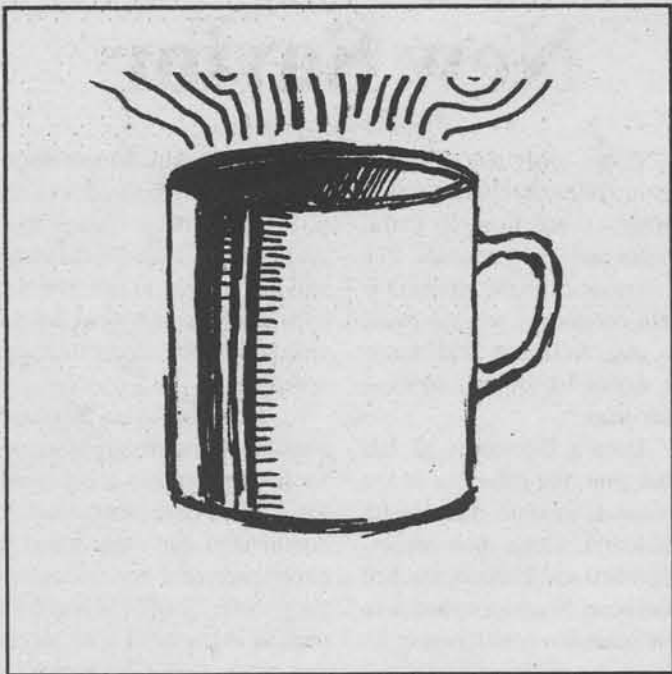


Illustration by Tim Peterson

Could a coffeehouse for GHS youth happen?

GLAD Meets to discuss Solutions Drug and Alcohol Abuse

By Debbi Arsenaux

Are you sick of having to go outside of Glastonbury to find something to do on weekends? Is Friendly's starting to lose its appeal? Drug and alcohol abuse in Glastonbury is a serious problem, and a large part of the reason is because there's nothing better to do. GLAD, an organization started in 1989 to help educate people and prevent drug and alcohol abuse, has formed four committees dedicated to promoting positive peer pressure, role models, and positive alternatives to getting drunk or high. On October 22, a group of fourteen people, seven teenagers and seven adults, met to discuss how they could go about this.

The meeting was led by Bob Faulhaber, a youth minister at First Congregational Church. First, there was the research group, which gets facts and information and is the basis for the effectiveness of the whole program. Then there was the resource group, which finds people who are willing to help in the money to fund activities. To promote activities and release information to the public, there was the awareness group. And finally, the program action group was formed to get things done.

The meeting then broke off into smaller groups, the youth in one room and the adults in another, and they bounced ideas off each other. They discussed possibilities for a place to hang out in Glastonbury and came up with some pretty solid ideas of what they, as young people, want for this town. They discussed renovating an old house, or possibly

even Glen-Lochen, and turning it into a place where high schoolers could go to have fun without drugs and alcohol and could interact with all kinds of people. It would be a substance free zone (the use of drugs or alcohol would not be allowed on the premise), but no one would be persecuted or rejected if they came under the influence of illegal substances. The youths felt that it should remain open through most of the night, until maybe five or six AM, and open every weekend. It could be a great opportunity for local bands to get exposure. It was even spoken about having a separate place for middle school and junior high students, because their needs are different than the older teenagers. Most of all, students just want a place to go that's safe and fun without too much structure.

The youth's ideas differed from the adults in some ways, but surprisingly enough, the adults wanted a lot of the same things for the teenagers that the teenagers wanted for themselves. Nothing is going to get accomplished overnight, but if they keep at it, eventually the youth's efforts will be rewarded. Bob Faulhaber's philosophy is, "If you're going to do something, do it right."

There will be more GLAD meetings in the near future, so if you have any ideas or suggestions, your voice is more than welcome. You can also drop a note in the newspaper box in the office. As Andrea Goodrich, an active member of GLAD and a Sophomore at GHS, said, "This gives youth a chance to build their dream of what they want Glastonbury to become."

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array of hats were worn by students in addition to the usual baseball caps. Many students wore the same hats as they wore on College Day.

Thursday, November 16 was declared "Seventies Day." Bell bottoms, polyester, blowdried hair, platform shoes, and other clothing from the disco era were dusted off and taken out of the closet to be worn.

Friday was "Wacky Hair Day," with students displaying among the strangest hairstyles. There were people with spiked hair, green hair, blue hair, teased hair, and even guys and girls with pigtails or rollers in their hair.

Student council President

Aikojean Lane commented, "I was glad that some people participated and showed their spirit. We weren't expecting too much since spirit [at GHS] has been down the past few years."

The first few days of the food drive were not as successful as hoped, with student council advisor/history teacher Peter Wild making his usual pleas for food over the morning intercom. However, after student council members from the class of '96 and class of '95 went around collecting money and using it to buy many cases of cans and Ramen noodles, the total number of food items surged. The Food Drive was extended to Monday, November

21 so that more food could be collected.

On Monday, November 21, Glastonbury beat East Hartford's total of 4900 with 5495 cans of food. The GHS senior class came in first in the drive, with the juniors at a close second. Senior Class Advisor Jodie Fyfe commented, "I was very pleased with the response this year, especially among the seniors and juniors who rallied together the last couple days. The people at Foodshare were very appreciative of our efforts."

Lane remarked, "I'm just glad that individual classes realized that the first few days were pitiful and went and brought their cans in."

Board Meetings Discuss Renovations and a Russian Exchange

By Tom Coenen

The Glastonbury Board of Education discussed and decided on many issues during the two meetings during the month of October.

At the October 17 meeting, the first major issue to be discussed was the renovation of elementary schools in the Glastonbury School System. Many citizens present at the meeting voiced their concerns that the town is spending too much on the renovations and that costs should be cut back to save taxpayer dollars. The Board of Ed responded to the issue by replying that they would attempt "to stay within" their budget and that everything

would be done in the best interest of the taxpayers.

The other major issue at the meeting was a plan proposed to the Board of Education on drug and alcohol abuse education. The plan included having a week for students to go away from home to learn about drug and alcohol abuse and how to deal with peer pressure. The plan was generally favored by board members present at the meeting, but no definitive solution was made on the issue.


The October 24 meeting proved to be nearly as active and board members made two important decisions. The first was to allow GHS Russian students to

continue with plans for an exchange with Russia, a hard decision in light of the death of former Glastonbury resident Anthony Riccio in Moscow in September.

The other critical issue brought to the Board of Education at the October 24 meeting was whether or not to give a 2.8 percent pay raise to teachers in all Glastonbury schools. The measure was approved.

The Glastonbury Board of Education usually meets on two of the Mondays each month, with the next meeting being December 12 at the Town Council Chambers at 7:30 pm.

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Freshmen Find a New Savior

By Luke Baumstark

Every other day, the students of GHS can breathe a sigh of relief—saved from an extra-rigorous period of science. The daily savior of these students is known commonly as gym class. This year, freshmen shall know their savior by another name—health class.

During December of last school year, the directors of the Physical Education and Health Department, along with numerous students and teachers, reached the decision. Freshmen shall take a new freshmen health course instead of the traditional "Underclassmen Gym." Thus, their Gym schedule will be pushed forward making them the first class yet to be forced into Gym as seniors.

This course will fill the

health credit requirement needed to graduate. This change will have no effect on other classes above the Freshmen. Non-Freshmen will still be required to take the standard health requirement, but this change will not affect their gym schedules.

Principal Alan Bookman stated that this change was made for reasons directly related to the age of these GHS newcomers. He commented that often times the experience of a new school and the effort to "fit in" will lead freshmen to experiment with alcohol and other drugs. As a result of this, Bookman believes that it is best to educate them early, and hopefully discourage potentially dangerous experimentation.



Photo By Marc Housley

A Romantic Renaissance

A new Latin teacher brings new opportunities for Latin Students

By Judy Kroo

When Mark Pearsall moved here from Westford (which is just outside of Boston), he took over Jane Takvorian's Latin classes. Pearsall's background did not seem to be one that would produce a teacher, let alone one that taught Latin. Although he took two years of Latin in high school, he quickly dropped it. He says that the class was "boring and taught too much grammar too fast". He considered taking Physics or even Chemistry as his major at the University of Massachusetts. While there he took a course in Roman History and was suddenly sure of his major. After getting his Bachelor of Arts in Latin and Greek from the University of Massachusetts, he went to Boston University and got his Master's Degree there.

Pearsall, who is only 27

years old, formerly taught at Westford Academy in Westford. He enjoys the climate of GHS a lot more than that of Westford Academy because "the students are a lot more open and friendly. The school is a lot bigger and that also helps to make me feel like I'm not such a stranger." Besides teaching Latin, he also teaches a Spanish class.

Pearsall has high hopes for his first year at GHS. He is the advisor to the Latin Club, which he says will probably take a trip to Italy and Greece this coming spring break. He hopes to hold a Saturnalia, which is a festival held in December to celebrate the god Saturn. Finally, he hopes to have a trip to New York to see Roman exhibits at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

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Grade Report Card					1994-1995 School Year			Quarter 1	
Student:		Grade:		ID #:		Homeroom:			
Address:		Counselor:		Social Security #:					
Class (Number/Sec. & Teacher)		Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Fin	Credit	Abs	Comments
Physical Ed 10-12		A							Met 3 of 4 standards on state PE fitness test
041 5 Ms Dysenchuk		A							A pleasure to have in class
Comp & Lang 2		A							Attentive and responsible in class
134 3 Mr Grant		A							Effort is commendable
US History S1		A							
233 4 Mr Doll		A -							A pleasure to have in class
AmPolProcesses		A -							Effort is commendable
237 1 D. Marshall		A -							A pleasure to have in class
Spanish 5 L1		A -							Conscientious and diligent
323 2 Ms Weill		A -							Attentive and responsible in class
Alg & Trig L1		A							
414 1 Mrs Raffles		A							
Physics L1									
517 1 Mrs Blain									

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New Grading Policy Reaps Disdain From Students

By Meghana Shah

With first quarter report cards already out, students are beginning to see the true effects of the new grading policy. Principal Alan Bookman predicted that the grades would "balance out", and the +/- grading system would not make a significant difference for most students. According to some students, this is not true.

"If, anything, the new system penalizes students who usually receive A's," said Junior Stella Choi, "If a student gets an A-, there's nothing to balance that, because A+'s are not differentiated. I believe that there is most definitely a distinction between a 97 and a 93."

Freshman Nicole Salazar-Austin agreed, "I got an A+ in Latin America, I believe there should be an A+ on the scale." It

is clear that most students feel something must be done about the differentiation between an A+ and an A.

"Someone can get all A-'s and not make high honors, so it's not fair for people who are in level 2 classes," said Junior Rumiko Lane.

"I got about the same grades as last year, but with the pluses and minuses it didn't look as good," said Sophomore Dana Semeraro.

"It helped me in the classes I did well in, but it hindered me in the classes I didn't do so well in," said Sophomore Sirius Fuller.

Senior Sandhya Srinivasan suggested another way of handling the situation. "I don't understand why a 93 can't equal a 93, (High ability = 103), and then

have the total grade divided by the number of classes. This way everyone would have their perfect score and there would be no more discussion."

Not all students, however, are angry with this new system. "I think it's a fairer way of doing things," commented Sophomore Jaclin Jungbooth.

Sophomore Luci Ruff agrees, "It really didn't make a significant difference. With or without the system, my grades are still the same."

It is evident that this argument is becoming an old one. There were many disgusted sighs and looks when students were asked about their grades this quarter. At this point, perhaps it was best not to say anything.



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Melanie and the Jigsaw Puzzle Called Life

By Alexis Lamb

According to Teen Magazine, 1.1 million girls in the United States between the ages of 15 and 19 become pregnant every year. That's one teenage pregnancy every 30 seconds. Confused and frightened, pregnant teens often have to make critical decisions which affect them for the rest of their lives. In an emotionally charged situation such as teen pregnancy, there may seem to be very little pros in a young girl's decision to keep her baby.

In one instance, however, a graduating senior and soon-to-be mom decided to keep her baby. Fourteen years later, that "baby," Melanie, as we shall call her, lounges on her bed and smiles as she speaks about her life at home, her views about teen sex, her "mystery dad," and her task of completing that vast jigsaw puzzle called "life."

As Melanie lies back on her bed, wearing a casual pink T-shirt and shorts, her usual weekend ensemble, she admires all the humorous posters she and her mom have collected over the years. "Oops," one reads along with a picture of an Atom Bomb's mushroom cloud. "I need to laugh," she states strongly. The poster is her mother's and it hangs over her bed in the room they share. Melanie's bed is on the other side. "My mom's stuff is on her half, and my stuff is on mine," she explains.

Melanie states that her mother and her are like sisters. Melanie is 14 and her mother is 32. She says, that, in a sense, it is neat. They are like best friends and they hardly ever fight. Melanie

feels that her mother's experiences as a teenager have taught her at an early age that teen sex is wrong.

Melanie is now a fourteen-year-old freshman. She is a typical teenager. As she goes through her classes, she often wonders what it was like for her mom and dad back in the late 70's. She was born in January, right in the middle of her mom's senior year. Her mom had to take time off of school and receive tutoring while she cared for the newborn Melanie. However, she managed to graduate.

Melanie was told that her dad left them before she was born. When kids would ask her who she lived with, she would tell them that she is living with her mom, her grandparents, her brother, and her uncle. They would often inquire about her father and the fact that her parents did not live together. Melanie used to object to such questions, though as she got older, she realized that marriage before children is preferable.

The identity of Melanie's father is a very sensitive subject to both Melanie and her mother. Melanie says that she used to flip through her mom's yearbook. She never exactly looks for her father, but she is always curious to see if anybody looks like her. She is

very curious about his name and, maybe, she'll wonder for the rest of her life. "The hardest part about not knowing is that deep curiosity some of the time."

When asked if there are any

easy to forgive her father for what he has done.

Melanie has only shared this secret with a few of her close friends. She compares her father to a small puzzle piece hovering

above an incomplete puzzle. The puzzle symbolizes her life. The pieces that are in place are the things that have already happened. The hovering pieces are things about to happen, and the

piece farthest up, is her dad. When asked why this piece is so distant, she replies, "because it really doesn't matter as much. Part of my heart says it is important; part of my heart says it doesn't matter that much." Melanie knows that the puzzle doesn't look right without that one missing piece, but she says, "I am here to live my life."

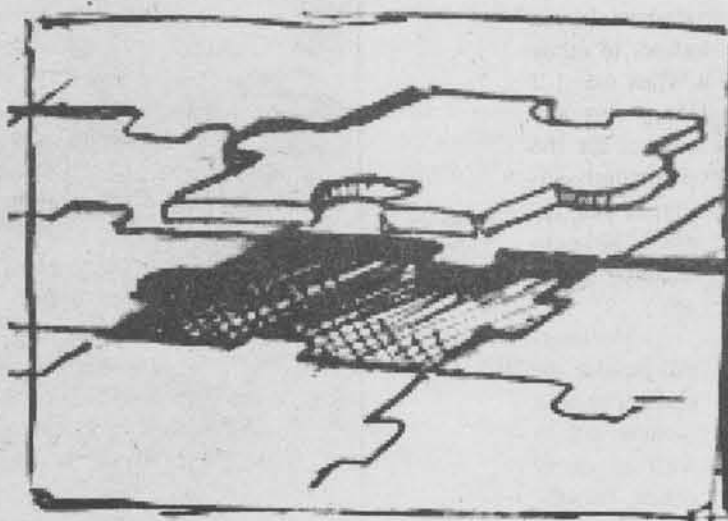
Being born when her mom was just a teenager, Melanie grew up experiencing the sacrifices, heartaches, and emotional trials that a teenage mother goes through. Insofar, she has come away a very strong person with strong ideas. Melanie does not agree with teenage sex. Her opin-

ion differs greatly from most girls her age. "I am not going to choose sex unless I am in my 20's and I am married," she says with conviction.

Melanie harbors many strong beliefs. Candidly, she says, "my mom has taught me that if you don't want a baby, don't have sex." Melanie is also against birth control, condoms, and abortion. For her, it is not difficult to arrive at these ideas. As teenagers, many think they are familiar with the arguments on both sides. Melanie, however, is the consequence of what she is against—teen sex. Furthermore, she adds that teenagers feel that everyone else is having sex, and something must be wrong with them if they are not. To Melanie, there are other ways to show affection. With the risk of getting pregnant or contracting one of the many common sexually transmittable diseases, Melanie's message to all teenagers is "wait."

Melanie has her own plans in life. "When I look for Mr. Wonderful," she says, "I look for a man with a nice personality—someone who can make me laugh. Most importantly, he has to be clean. I can't have somebody who drinks, smokes, or does other drugs...My mom has taught me to keep my inner-self clean."

Despite all the negativity, Melanie seems to go through life smiling, often contemplating her identity, her purpose in life, and her place in the vast jigsaw puzzle. "Everyone's life is a puzzle," she sighs dreamily.



Adjusting to a new Life

By Luci Ruff

As she first stepped off the plane, Cindy Mori's first view of America was of tall, interesting buildings and clean streets. This is very different from Cindy's former home town of Lima (the capitol of Peru), where the streets are littered with papers and garbage.

In the six months she lived here she has adjusted to a different way of life. The hardest adjustments for her have been making new friends and learning to speak English. However, she she has enjoyed some of the changes. She no longer has to wear a uniform to school. Also the schools here are much more relaxed than in Peru. Another aspect she likes

about going to school at GHS is students here can drive to school,

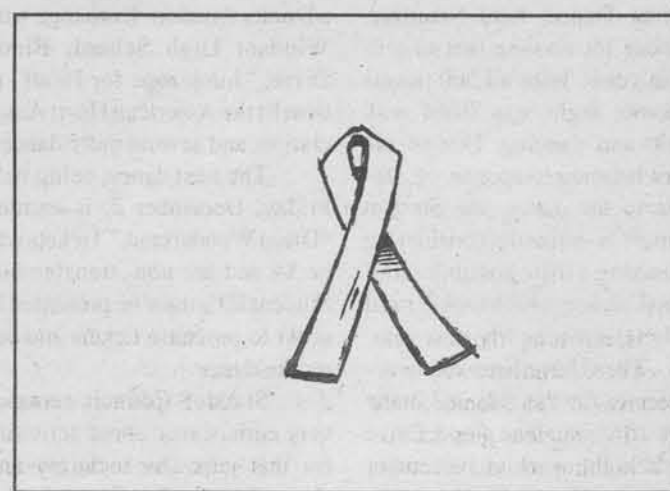
much to do. Also, one can drink alcohol at the age of fifteen, but

most young people don't get drunk. In the U.S. you have to wait until you're twenty-one to drink. Another difference is that in Peru the students don't do drugs, but some do smoke.

Cindy misses her home in Peru, but she says, "I am glad I have made

many new friends here that enjoy learning about my culture." It took her a long time to adjust to living in the U.S., but she says it was well worth it.

whereas in Peru, they cannot. Nevertheless, not all of the changes were for the better. In Peru you can go to a disco at the age of fifteen. Here, there's not



Red Ribbons and Zombies

Peer Educators attempt to increase awareness

By Luci Ruff

Throughout the week of October 22nd - 30th, Peer Educators tried to increase the awareness of drug and alcohol abuse. Students were given the opportunity to pledge to be drug and alcohol free.

On Monday the 22nd a Peer

Educator would pretend to die every twenty minutes. They would dress in black and paint their faces white to symbolize that every twenty minutes somebody dies of drug and alcohol related causes. People who pretended to be dead

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Meet Pam Lehn

**New Art Teacher Wants to Make Students
Aware that "Art is Everywhere"**

By Meghana Shah

Among the many new faces at GHS, you may notice Pam Lehn, a teacher who has joined the art department this fall. Lehn, who will be teaching crafts and studio arts, worked as a graphic artist for 10 years before going back to school and becoming a teacher.

After working as a student teacher at Gideon Welles last year, Lehn says she is looking forward to seeing the students she worked with there as well as meeting many new ones.

Her goal here, she said sim-

ply, is to teach art the best she can and teach the students to enjoy and appreciate it. When asked if there was any area of art she particularly enjoyed, she replied, "I like everything about art."

Her interests outside the classroom also include art, as well as many other things.

Lehn likes skiing, loves animals, and keeps busy with her family.

As part of her career as a teacher she seems not only intent on the students' appreciation and enjoyment of art, but their awareness as well. "Art is everywhere," she says, "It encompasses every aspect of life."



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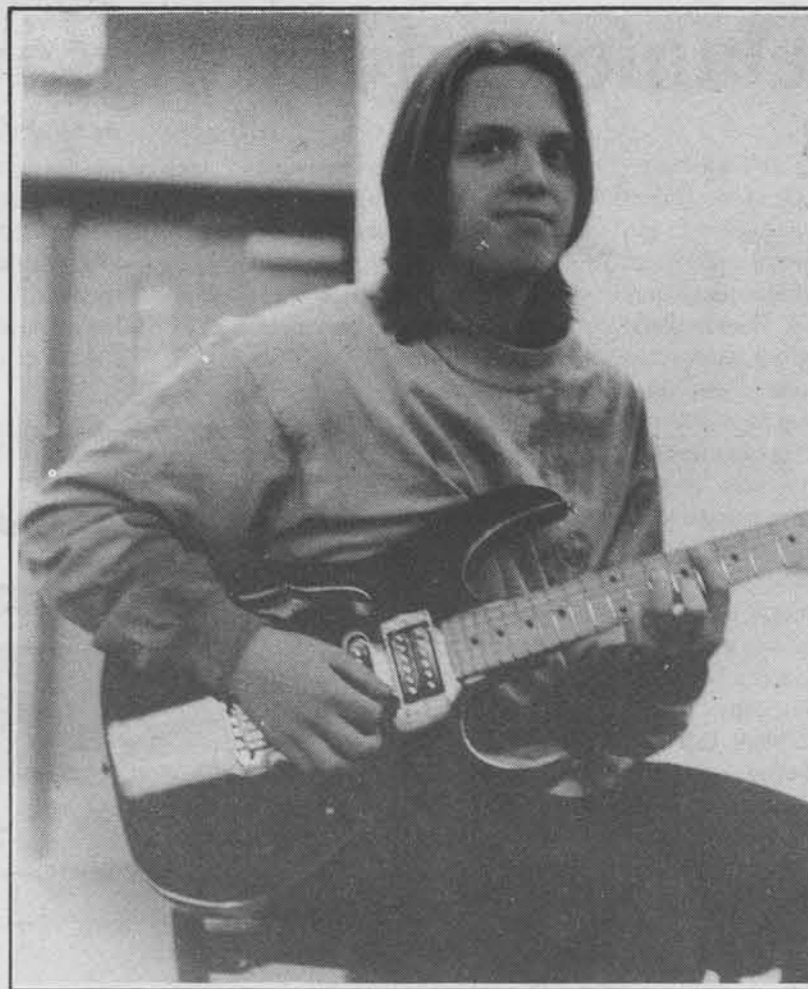


Photo by Jesse Reynolds

Timo Hoffman enjoys skiing and playing guitar

Class of '95 Increased by Two

By Marc Housely

Timo Hoffmann and Hans Polzer are exchange students to GHS from Germany. Although their world is different from ours, they have discovered that much is similar.

I first met Timo at the bus stop on the first day of school and I couldn't tell he was an exchange student with his long hair, sweatshirt and jeans. Only after an introduction did I learn that he was an exchange student who would be staying here for a year.

Hoffman, who is seventeen, was born in Wolfsburg, Germany, and grew up in Ingolstadt. He likes downhill skiing and playing his electric guitar. Timo commented that although there were slight differences in culture be-

tween the United States and Germany, there were none that really stood out.

Hoffman was recently joined by Polzer, who was born and raised in Heidelberg, Germany. He enjoys listening to "Rage Against the Machine" and "Bad Religion." His favorite sport is handball and he plays the guitar as well.

In Germany, school is similar to the U.S. The school days are divided into periods, but each day has different classes. School starts at eight o'clock in the morning and ends at one o'clock in the afternoon.

The German school system starts with grammar school. Students start at six years of age and

remain in grammar school until the age of ten. From there, three different levels of schooling exists. "Main" school is for below-average students. "Real" school is for slightly below-average students, and the "Gymnasium" school is for the normal and above-average students.

Hoffman commented that schools in Germany have even less school spirit than we do. They would never wear clothing with their school name on it.

Hoffman and Polzer are going to be members of the GHS student body for the duration of the '94-'95 year. Furthermore, both will be graduating in June with the Class of '95.

Student Council Update

**Homecoming Successful, More
Activities to Come**

By Alanna Balaban and Jen Zwiirn

The 1994 Glastonbury High School Student Council Homecoming Dance, held Saturday, October 15, was the first to sell-out in years. With all 500 tickets sold, the night was filled with music and dancing. Due to the overwhelming response of students to the dance, the Student Council is currently considering organizing a fifth, possibly semi-formal, dance, which would most likely take place early next year.

There have been many activities so far this fall and many more to come. The Food Drive was held the week of November 14, as was Spirit Week, which included college, hat, 70's, and weird-hair days. In addition, the annual exchange with East Hartford High School took place November 18, with over forty GHS

students visiting EHHS.

Other plans in sight include a Dinner Auction, Exchange with Windsor High School, Blood Drive, "Jump rope for Heart" to benefit the American Heart Association, and several more dances.

The next dance, being held Friday, December 2, is entitled "Disco Wonderland." Tickets will be \$4 and are non-transferable. Student ID's must be presented in order to purchase tickets and enter the dance.

Student Council remains very enthusiastic about activities for this year. As secretary and class of '95 member Connie Lynch put it, "This year, Student Council is filled with eager members that the officers are all excited to work with!"

International Foods Raise Over \$1500

By Kaneshka Azimi

The Second International Foods Night, held on Thursday, November 3 at Glastonbury High School, was a huge success, with over \$1700 raised for the Women's Opportunity Fund (W.O.F.).

The evening started off at 5 p.m. with an introduction to the W.O.F. by Executive Director Susy Cheston, who briefed an audience about the organization and presented a slide-show of some women that had been helped. The Women's Opportunity Fund loans between fifty and a hundred dollars to women in third-world nations to help them start businesses. One success story Cheston told was about a widow from El Salvador, who, with loaned money, bought twenty-five

coconuts and sold them to beach-

and hire employees. "That's really impressive to me, people turning their lives around," Cheston said.

At 6 pm, the main event began, with students, teachers, parents and many others packing into Marilyn Q. Vignone Art Gallery. Tickets, which were available both in advance and at the door, were, as advertisements stated, "a suggested donation of \$5," while raffle tickets were \$1 each or \$5 for six. The GHS Key Club, French Club, Spanish Club, Russian Club, and AFS cooked the food for the event, while entertainment was provided by

members of the GHS Orchestra. A great variety of foods was available, ranging from appetizers like

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goers along the road. She continued to do this and made such a good profit, that she was eventually able to open her own stand

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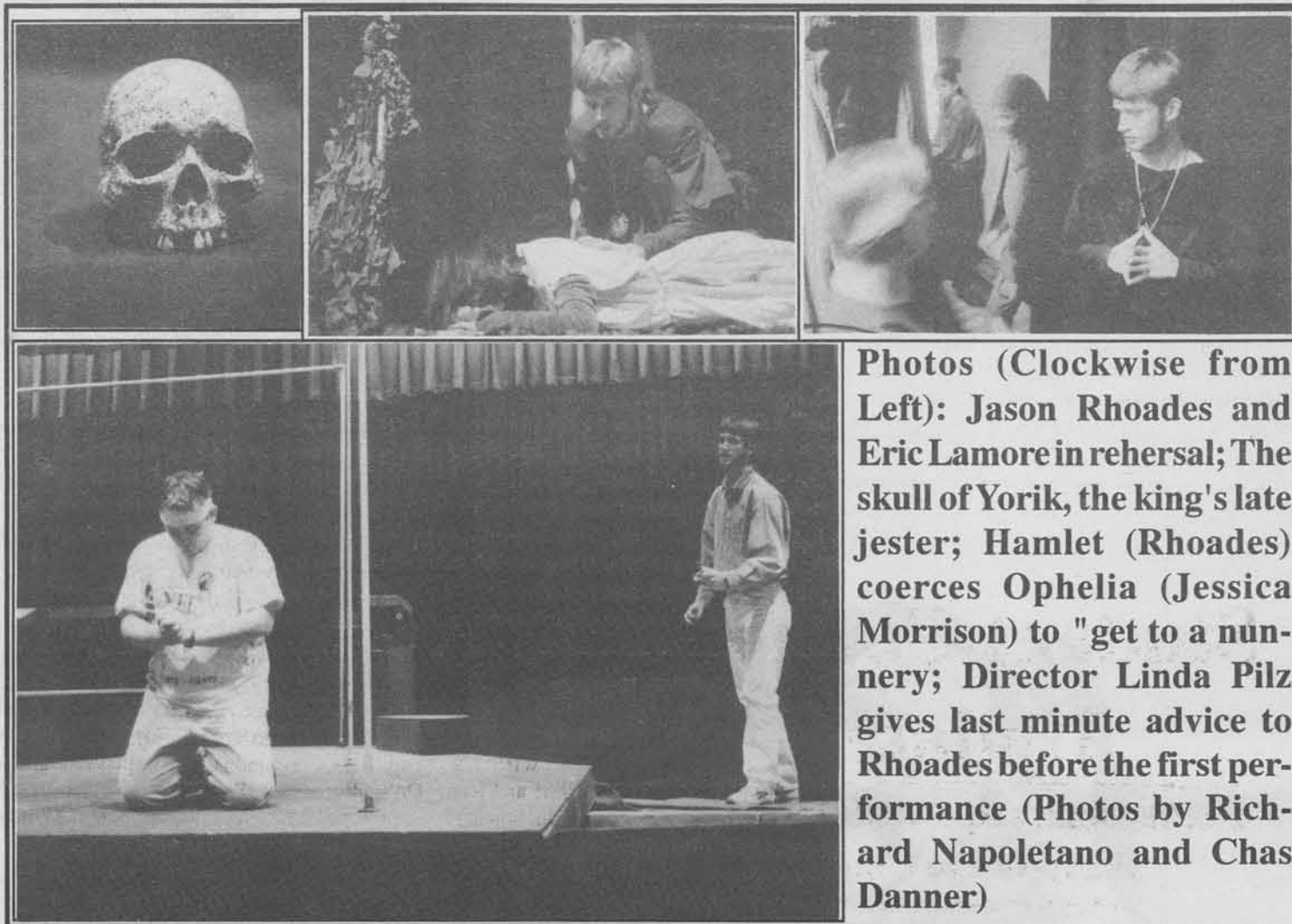
GHS Drama Puts on the Mega-Production of Hamlet

By Trey West

To be, or not to be? Well, last weekend's production of "Hamlet," presented by our own drama club, was. And it was great. The acting level was above normal high school level, and casting was superb. The company dared the entire, extremely complex plot, that went from Hamlet's famous, yet tragic "To be, or not to be?" speech, to the hilarious scene in the graveyard before the arrival of Ophelia's body. The cast and crew did a wonderful job with all aspects of the plot's many twists and turns.

Jason Rhoades portrayed the many moods of the depressed, determined Hamlet with all his heart and motivation. Rhoades was phenomenal as the lead, showing a vast array of emotions necessary for the difficult role. He was greatly supported by Maia Worley, who portrayed Queen Gertrude, and Eric Lamore as King Claudius. The cast also included another memorable performance by Chris Cianciulli as Laertes.

Jason Hoyer, an impressive newcomer to the GHS drama subculture, played Polonius, while Ross Feldmann played the Ghost in his successful drama club debut. Jessica Morrison portrayed Ophelia, the daughter of Polonius, and acted the famed madness scene with much grace. After playing Riff in "West Side Story," Tim Peterson returned to the stage as Hamlet's good friend Horatio. Rosencrantz and Guildenstern (Jeff Snyder and Shannon Carnemolla), along with the Gravediggers (Chas Danner and



Photos (Clockwise from Left): Jason Rhoades and Eric Lamore in rehearsal; The skull of Yorik, the king's late jester; Hamlet (Rhoades) coerces Ophelia (Jessica Morrison) to "get to a nunnery; Director Linda Pilz gives last minute advice to Rhoades before the first performance (Photos by Richard Napoletano and Chas Danner)

Sean Lamore) also contributed to the quality of the production. All of the other actors and actresses proved a worthy supporting cast and performed their parts with great vigor. When one looked at the acting quality as a whole, most would see it as a surprisingly fine high school level production.

One must not forget the immense work that goes on back stage. Many hours were put into

lighting, sound, and set. All three were wonderful. The lighting added moving affects, the sound was in good quality, and was hearable, and the set was simple, yet perfect for this play. These efforts are often looked over, but they added so much in this production that it is impossible to comprehend the play without them.

Also, the direction by GHS

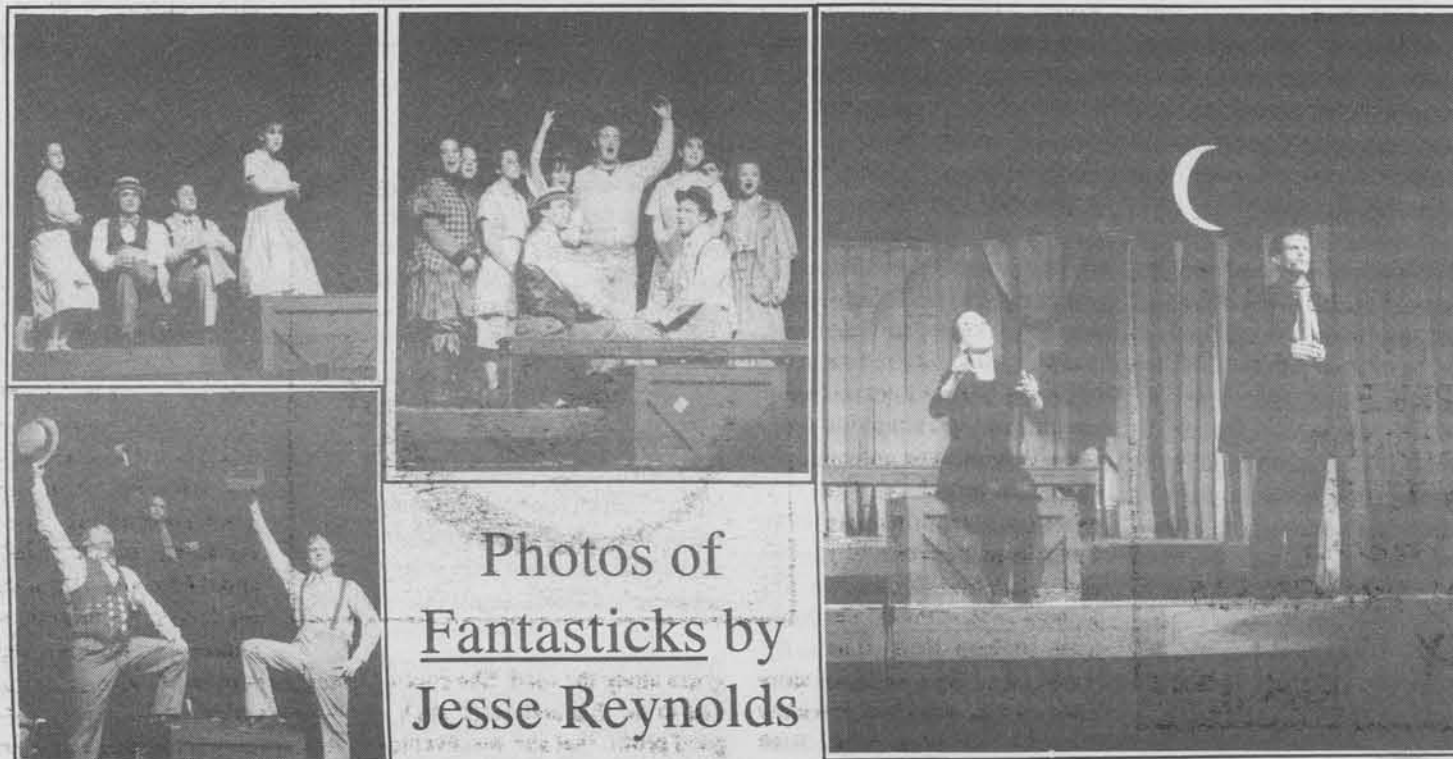
English teacher Linda Pilz was distinguished. She was aided by Assistant Directors Sue Ginel and Chas Danner. She came up with many interesting techniques such as when she froze all the actors on the stage to act as set pieces, a physical manifestation of Hamlet's soliloquies. Blocking was also exceptional, and perfectly depicted the royal court of the time. Our school is extremely

lucky to have such a director.

All in all, this was a magnificent production of a difficult, Shakespearean play. Congratulations to all who had any part in it. Certainly the question isn't "To be, or not to be?", but rather "Was it, or was it not?" It most definitely was. And, it will be for some time to come.

YSB's Fantasticks Draw Close to a Full House

By Rose Forrest



Photos of Fantasticks by Jesse Reynolds

Glastonbury Youth and Service's presentation of "The Fantasticks" drew close to a full house on Saturday, November 12, the last of three performances. True to its name, "The Fantasticks" was well produced, directed, and performed. Chris Gullotta, director of the play, did a truly wonderful job.

Sophomore Chas Danner, an assistant director of the GHS drama club produced "Hamlet", agreed in saying, "It was very professional. YSB never ceases to amaze me with their talent and their ability to entertain. I had a great time."

The stage design was amazing, with all the main action happening on a high rise in the center of the stage. The mood was helped by a mute character played by

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Trey Briefly Drops "Bovary," Millions Take Own Lives

By William Neal West III
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November, Everywhere-The USA, Russia, the UK, France, Bolivia. No matter where you were, it was a month of great calamity across the globe. In the US, it was the highest number of suicides since the Depression, and the highest number of ritual killings since the Reagan administration. All of this was due to the announcement of Trey West, who was staying at the Vatican as a guest of the Pope, that he wished to discontinue writing his column, "Madame Bovary Es Mi."

Amidst the horrified cries of indignation from the crowd, which numbered in the hundreds of thousands, West, a shockingly handsome 5'7 man with long hair and bad skin explained that he had

grown tired of the character of his column, Trey West, a short, bespectacled high school student, pedophile, and world revolutionary amateur film critic. The column had ran in the internationally distributed Glastonbury High School Paladin for the past two years and had attained a huge, fanatically loyal group of followers worldwide.

"The dream is over. What more can I say?" was West's only comfort to the weeping millions of fans. However, two weeks later, at the height of the grief stricken carnage, the newly formed pro-



tentative casting of Danny De Vito as West, the character, you understand, Clint Eastwood as the firefly shaped Mitch Halliwell, and Sylvester Stallone as Snowball. The film was to be directed by Michael Cimino. Spielberg went on national television to ask the writer, "Mr. West, would you give me consent to, shall we say, marry your Mr. West?"

West's only reply was, "Marry him or murder him. I really care not which."

A few days later, however,

the deal fell through. This was attributed to the fact that it turned out that Spielberg was in reality, bankrupt because his film, "Jurassic Park," while grossing a billion dollars, had actually cost, unbeknownst to anyone until then, fifteen billion dollars, making it the third costliest film of all time.

After the death of the movie deal, however, West, an aspiring filmmaker quietly announced that he would start writing the column again. The estimated audience, once in the millions, has now reportedly shrunk to twelve. Check this page of future issues of the Paladin for more "Bovary" installments.



Thomas Shines in Lamos's Richard III

By Jason Hoyer

When veteran Hartford Stage director Mark Lamos originally started work on Richard III, he was initially concerned that the Shakespeare work was too heavy in historical content, and that the "War of the Roses" would be far too difficult for an audience to follow with any success.

"For a long time, I was a little afraid of the history plays," Lamos commented. "All those confusing aunts and uncles! But after studying the text of Richard III, I realized the play stands resolutely on its own, with a blazing theatricality."

Upon deciding to do the production, Lamos then acquired Richard Thomas to play the commanding role of Richard, the Duke of Gloucester. The Lamos/Thomas team was not unfamiliar with Hartford Stage viewers, who saw Thomas in the lead role of Lamos' critically acclaimed Hamlet in 1987.

Richard III ran from September 24 through October 29, and was extended a week further due to the success it had at the Hartford Stage.

Thomas, dressed in a colorful green suit, complete with a hunchback, proved an admirable Richard. He kept a limp the entire performance, and also acted without the use of his left arm and hand, for the Duke of Gloucester was deformed and a cripple. Thomas played the part with enough wicked glee so that the audience came to hate the cruel Duke, but he also talked of horrible death and his defiant quest for the crown with an offbeat humor that kept the audience interested. Truly, the comedy in the play is very low, for Richard is a repulsive and detestable being, but the comical lines were cleverly delivered by Thomas.

If there is a downside to Lamos' directing, it would probably be that his focus on the star often times alienates the other characters. In this production, few characters had enough lines to develop a personality. The end result is that the play waned in the few scenes Richard was not present. Perhaps the most memorable scene that Richard is not in occurs in Act I, where Richard

sends two guards to murder his brother Clarence (Peter James). The bloody and gruesome scene captures the essence of Richard himself.

Richard's wife Anne (Orlagh Cassidy) was well depicted as sympathetic, abused, and unfortunate. Queen Elizabeth (Gordana Rashovich) effectively played her defiant attempt to keep Richard from the throne.

In the end, Richard reigns as King of England for only two years (1483-1485) before the Earl of Richmond (Alec Phoenix) comes to reclaim the throne for the Tudor family. A grand scale battle follows, prompting Richard's famous line "my horse, my horse, my kingdom for a horse!" and Richmond eventually kills the evil Richard.

This story of one man's violent quest to be King of England is no better depicted than in this production of Richard III. Richard Thomas's performance as Richard was truly a fabulous portrayal of the Duke, and Lamos's brilliant directing keeps Hartford Stage in the spotlight.

A New Addition to the King Library: Insomnia

By Felix Klock

Stephen King has written many stories in his tome. Some have been excellent, some have been mediocre, and some have simply been awful. The Shining, The Stand, The Man Who Loved Flowers, The Gunslinger, the list goes on and on. The newest addition to the King library, Insomnia, is not his best work. While it can twist your emotions, that feeling stems more from the issues that the book addresses than the storytelling itself.

Insomnia, despite the title, does not focus on sleeping disorders. What it addresses is a conflict between two forces which centers around the town of Derry. Readers of King's masterpiece IT will remember Derry, or at least the Derry of long ago. That Derry is rarely mentioned in this book; there are few references to IT, with only a few guest walk-ons by Mike Hanlon and a few mentionings of the Flood that ended IT. Instead, we are given a Derry based in the nineties.

The main characters of the book are the elderly of Deere, and, in particular, a man named Ralph Roberts. He does indeed have insomnia, but that is not his only problem. His wife died of a brain tumor, and he continues to mourn for her throughout the book. He witnesses events that lead him to believe that one of his close friends, Ed, is going insane. Ralph is horrified by the outpouring of hate and anger over a very hot topic in Deere: abortion.

An organization, WomanCare, is subject to a great deal of abuse due to the fact that it assists women in getting abortions. True, that is not the only

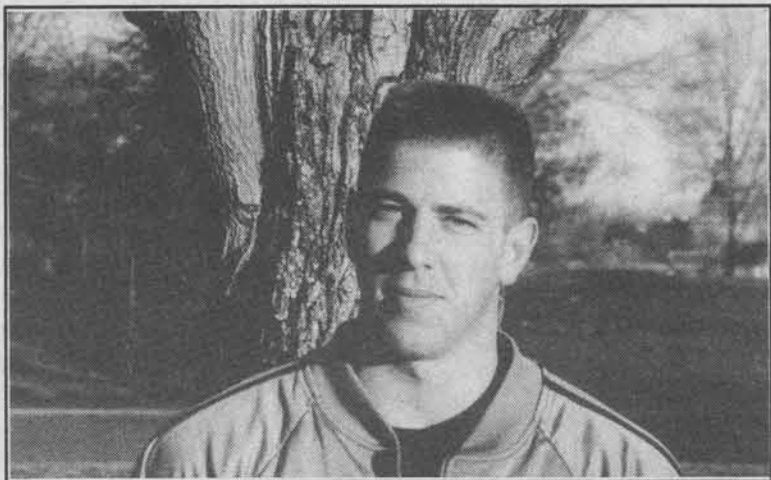
thing it does to help women, but the rival organization, Friends of Life, turn a blind eye to WomanCare's virtues, such as its support for battered women.

The book begins to get interesting as Ralph, incomprehensibly affected by lack of sleep, begins to see auras and "little bald doctors". The book works hard to explain all of these things within its 790 page span, but it is clear that the book would have been improved greatly if King had tried to write about only one or two of these issues in a novel, rather than try to address abortion, insanity, insomnia, and aura-sight in one book.

On the upside, the characterizations in the book are top-notch. King has really improved from his days of one-sided characters interacting with one multifaceted main character. Everyone in the book has a personal story to tell, and there are few truly evil characters. Mostly the story consists of people who are either devoted to their beliefs or people who were being manipulated by forces beyond their control. Ralph Roberts is very believable with his fears of what is to come for him in his old age, and in his love for his deceased wife.

Insomnia's plot is decent, the characterizations are excellent, and the writing style is, well, standard King: lots of swears, lots of small anecdotes and elaboration on tiny details. Insomnia is not a scary book" don't buy it if you're trying to lose sleep at night. But it is a god read, and definitely worth the attention of any self-respecting King fan.

Who's Who:



A Quick Boost to GHS Security

By Alice Yang

Have you ever been outside the high school between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.? If so, then you have probably seen the new security guard, Ed Quick. Many of the students at GHS have walked by him everyday for the past several months without really knowing anything about him. When Ed was younger, he resided in East Hartford before moving to Glastonbury. Rather than going to Glastonbury High School, he instead attended a private school called South Catholic High School, which is no longer in existence. Two of his favorite subjects in school and out of school have been mathematics and history. "[Math] is something where there's no in-between. Either you love it or you hate it," he stated. "It was [a subject] that I was pretty good at and I loved it." Even though he enjoyed math class, his later education focused more on history. He has no preference as to which event or time period interests him the most, but likes

learning about all history in general. He commented that being learning about world history was exceptionally beneficial because it taught about different cultures, traditions, and it helped explain why people do what they do. Ed has been out of college for three years (he graduated from Western Connecticut State College) and is currently finishing up his graduate school course work in history, which he plans on completing in May. According to Ed, it is very important and useful to set goals each year and attempt to fulfill them. His goals pertain to things such as athletics and education. A special long term goal he would like to achieve is to become a college basketball coach. He is coming closer to that lifelong ambition by working as an assistant basketball coach at Wesleyan University. When asked if there was any particular team he wished to head coach, he replied that it did not matter much, as long as it was from a school with well-

rounded students. Ed stated that one of the best parts about working at GHS is the interaction with people he would not have otherwise met. Since he has been here, he has gotten to know a number of the students, teachers, and principals. He also attends other school-run activities, such as football and soccer games, and he worked at the Homecoming Dance. So far this year, he has found that being a security guard in Glastonbury has been a pretty good job. He believes the majority of the students here go about there own business and try to get a good education and that most of the problems here are basically minor ones. "[The security guards] have to stay alert and be prepared. Our jobs are to provide a safe environment for students to study in without worrying about being threatened," he said. Now that you know a little about Ed Quick, the new security guard, don't be afraid to greet him sometime as you walk past him.

Fantasticks is True to its Name

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Junior Allison Tillberg, throwing different kinds of confetti. Tillberg also used sign language through various parts of the play. The main characters, Louisa and Matt, were played by Junior Rick Spencer and Maggie Beach, an eighth grade student from Gideon Welles. They both did a wonderful job in their portrayal of a young couple in love. Gabriel Mass, as both the narrator and El Gallo, a bandit, can add another terrific performance to his impressive list. Seniors Kevin Franklin and

Dave Pirrotta, playing the fathers of the lovers, gave wonderful and amusing performances. Their wives, played by Junior Elizabeth Sharp and Senior Laura Ferrall also did well. The three person orchestra, conducted by Lisbeth Davis, and consisting of Glen Marshall on piano and Phil Raymond on percussion added a lot to the play. The quality of the play was every bit as excellent as other Glastonbury Youth and Service productions, although the cast was smaller than other plays such as

last summer's "Babes in Arms." The company was restricted to grades seven to twelve as opposed to previous plays with more varied age groups. Sophomore Kristen Passero, who played the comical character, Mortimer felt having a small cast was good. "It was more intimate." She also felt it was better than the summer's huge casts. In summer performances, "people aren't as dedicated because they have other things to do. "The smaller cast also created a greater depth in the characters.

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Horoscopes

By Cassandra

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb 19): You will be personally strong this month. A childhood dream will come true. Beware of a person wearing red socks on the 22nd. Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20): You will meet your future husband/wife in that new age boutique. Christmas will be very special for you. Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 20): You will create great problems for yourself on the 6th if you lie to a good friend. So, don't. Reflect on life before Christmas. Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21): Try to eat more citrus fruits between the 8th and the 14th. Careful not to trip over your shoelaces Christmas morning. You will find that things are coming your way on the 30th. Gemini (May 22-June 21): While riding your bike, beware of crazy drivers in oversized Pontiacs. If accident occurs, call the ambulance. Wear red socks on the 22nd for good luck. Cancer (June 22-July 23): Buy yourself flowers on the 28th. Enjoy vacation, it will be your last for a while. Try to recall lost memories for guidance in the future. Lucky days-9th, 12th, 18th, and 32nd. Leo (July 24-Aug. 23): You've been hiding in the shadow of an older sibling. The 8th is your chance to shine. You haven't been lis-

tening to your friend's advice; now is your chance to pay heed. Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23): By Stephen King's In-somnia for it is your type of book. Stay in on the 14th so you can go out and party on the 15th. Lucky days-4th, 7th, and 10th. Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23): Wear thermal clothing on every Tuesday this month, your reward will come on the 29th. Be sure not to go swimming this month because the weather is getting chilly. You will forget holiday presents, but don't be discouraged, people will forget yours, too. Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): Your disruptive behavior has gotten you into trouble in the past. This month is your time to turn over a new leaf. Be sure to watch the "X Files" on Friday or else bad things will happen to you. Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Happy birthday. Watch your ego this month. Don't forget to watch the Star Wars trilogy during the vacation. Hookup with your significant other as much as you can. Lucky day-7th. Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): The staff of the newspaper comes is going to be out and about so watch out where you go. Some time during this month, the managing editor will be really annoying and get in your way.

High Hopes For Latin Students

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Yet there is more to Pearsall than his Latin and Spanish classes. He enjoys doing outdoor activities like camping, hiking, and fishing. Pearsall likes a wide variety of music including alternative, jazz, classical and religious music, such as Gregorian chant. He also enjoys watching Beevis and Butthead and Seinfeld, but he doesn't have much time to see

movies.

Pearsall believes there is more to Latin than what's in the books. He believes in learning about the world of the Roman people. Once he actually got dressed up in a Roman tunic. That perhaps is the best way to think of Mark Pearsall: a teacher who wants to bring the Roman world to his students.

Peer Education at GHS

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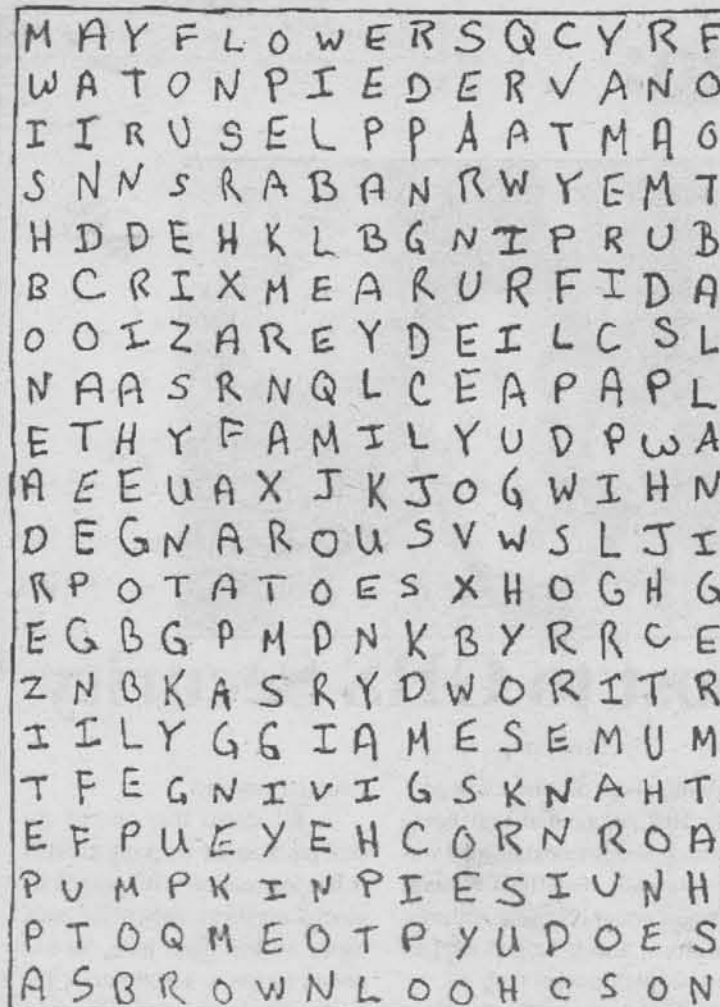
had to avoid communication with anybody. Another event that went on this week was a table set up in the cafeteria, where students could pledge to be drug free. The students had to sign a sheet in order to receive a red ribbon. This event was successful. They had a total of ___ students who pledged to be drug free.

There were many different responses to Red Ribbon Week. "It was great to see all of the signatures on the pledge sheets. I hope that these students will keep their promise to be drug/alcohol free,"

commented Peer Educator Leigh Wright, class of '97. Nevertheless, some people held different view points. I thought it was a big joke because I know a lot of people who smoke and drink and wore those ribbons." Says Chuck Rooney 97'. "I thought it was a good idea, but not many people took it seriously." Says Jackie Jungbluth.

All in all Red Ribbon Week was a success because some people did realize the dangers of abusing drugs and alcohol.

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French potato puffs to desserts like Russian Tea Cakes. "Yum!" was all Junior Josh Harriman had to say.

This year, all the clubs pitched in twenty dollars each for the table competition. Principals Janet Glitzenstein, Ann Jarvis and Lawrence Nocera judged each club's table, based on overall presentation and quality of food. The eighty dollar total was awarded to the Russian Club. The judges determined that their table had a superior display and the best variety of delectable treats. The food that won the best table for the Russian Club was, Pirozhki, which are little pies filled with meat and were prepared beautifully.

Ms. Ecklund, Russian Club Advisor, whose table won commented, "The students worked very hard and we got a lot of nice comments on our table."

The seventeen hundred dollars raised included five hundred dollars from club workers as well as money from the raffle. The drawing for the prizes, including those donated by such area stores and restaurants as Good Time Charlies, Filene's, and Baribault Jewelers, was held at 9:15 pm.

"Un spectacle formiable," was Ms. Dubreuil's opinion of the night.

The night ended with a conference on foreign languages entitled "A Meeting of the Minds," which was held in the GHS library and televised by Cox Cable.

Turkey Wordz

By Jen McQuilken

turkey	burping	rowdy	salad
gobble	marshmallow	chive	brown
Indian	wine	appetizer	gray
corn	family	ton	gay
apples	Mayflower	soup	mashed potatoes
stuffing	hair	Pilgrim	pumpkin pie
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yam	laniger	hutch	dinner
America	Thanksgiving	bread	no school

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